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**Subject:** Infringement of their rights and physical abuse of migrants by police forces in Croatia and Serbia

Several humanitarian organisations have exposed multiple cases of violence and brutality towards migrants perpetrated by the Croatian and Serbian police, mainly at borders. Reports have been published of dozens of individuals being seriously injured as a result of police violence in the above-mentioned countries. At the same time, the border police is being militarised and private security forces are being contracted to carry out these duties.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union states: 'Everyone has the right to respect for his or her physical and mental integrity' (Article 3), and: 'No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment' (Article 4).

1. What measures will the Commission take to address the serious infringements of human rights and international law in a Member State?
2. Is the Commission considering any form of sanction on account of the countries' failure to comply with European and international law?
3. Within the framework of negotiations with Serbia for its accession to the EU, what mandatory requirements will it set the applicant country with regard to upholding human rights?