

Question for written answer E-002237/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Discrimination against Spanish sportswomen

Women in sport in Spain are being subjected to double discrimination, and their situation is especially serious when compared with that of their male counterparts. Reports in the Spanish press¹ recently revealed the existence of contracts containing clauses that allow clubs to sack players without any form of compensation if they become pregnant. Although the government itself has acknowledged that such clauses are unlawful, it has stated that if no complaints are made (sportswomen are scared they will not be able to continue their careers) it cannot do anything.

In the light of the foregoing:

- Is the Commission aware of these or similar kinds of clauses at EU level?
- Does the Commission have at its disposal any schemes that could support or assist sportswomen – at elite and other levels – who lodge complaints?
- What instruments does the Commission have at its disposal, within the scope of its powers, to take action against such discriminatory practices?

¹ http://deportes.elpais.com/deportes/2017/03/26/actualidad/1490562783_361523.html