

**Question for written answer E-002488/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulating and dignifying domestic work in the EU

30 March was International Domestic Workers' Day 2017. In addition to being a celebration, the day is intended to raise the profile of a world made invisible by the institutional neglect that affects this vast group, the majority of them women, despite the vital work that they do every day. Their work is not formally recognised in countries such as Spain which, as is the case with many EU Member States, has not ratified the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Convention concerning decent work for domestic workers (Convention 189, ILO). In Spain, domestic workers and carers mostly work informally, in a context of economic depression and increased inequality caused by the EU's austerity policies, and a precarious labour market, which has been seriously debilitated by subsequent labour reforms.

1. Does the Commission believe that domestic work should be regulated and harmonised with the aim of making all such employment visible and dignified, and ensuring that those jobs are equally distributed?
2. Is it developing any initiatives in that regard?
3. Is it taking action to support the ratification of ILO Convention 189 by all Member States?