

**Question for written answer E-005611/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Bacha bāzī (pederasty) in Afghanistan and Europe's responsibility

Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission considers the practice of *Bacha bāzī* (pederasty) in the country to be a crime and a human rights violation that must be outlawed and prosecuted.

One of the initiatives that the new Elements for an EU Strategy in Afghanistan stresses is support for 'improved child protection'.

1. What protocols are the EU's civilian and military representatives working on the ground using to report such crimes to the authorities and to the international community?
2. Are EU diplomats, in coordination with our allies – the United States, in particular– taking any specific steps to address this human-rights issue?