

**Question for written answer E-000099/2018/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Mistreatment at the Sograndio Young Offenders Centre

For years now, there have been complaints of serious irregularities at the Young Offenders Centre in Sograndio, Asturias, including instances of mistreatment, violence and arbitrary punishment at the hands of educators and guards, as well as suicide attempts. These complaints reached the Spanish Ombudsman, who visited the centre on several occasions and noted its failure to implement recommendations on preventing torture.

On 16 November 2017, the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published a report after visiting the centre in 2016. It highlighted a number of unacceptable practices at the centre in Sograndio, such as the use of restraints as a disciplinary measure and the excessive use of solitary confinement, a problem also recognised in a report drawn up by the Ombudsman in 2015.

The Spanish Government is only publishing the positive parts of the report, and the Principality of Asturias does not seem to be taking decisive measures to put an end to these practices, in spite of the serious allegations made.

- 1) Is the Commission aware of this?
- 2) Is the Commission going to take action in the light of these suspected repeated violations of European rules on young offenders subject to sanctions or measures?