

**Question for written answer E-000871/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - Iran's use of the death penalty

Iran is one of only four countries which apply the death penalty for crimes committed by minors. At least 25 people have been executed in the country for crimes they committed as children. Ali Kazemi was executed for a murder he committed when he was 15. Mahboubeh Mofidi, who was 17 when she killed her husband of four years, was executed when she was 20. The death penalty is an irreversible and inhumane punishment, and using it to punish crimes committed by children is arcane and unacceptable.

How can the EU encourage Iran and the other three countries to ban the use of the death penalty for minors?