

**Question for written answer E-001875/2018/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Unaccompanied minors in Spain

In its latest report, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child criticises Spain's failure to recognise the right of minors to seek asylum and the intrusive age-assessment methods the Spanish authorities employ, even in cases where identification documents appear to be authentic<sup>1</sup>. These violations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child are particularly worrying when they concern unaccompanied minors seeking refuge, as they make up a vulnerable group that governments have a duty to protect.

In 2016, Save the Children condemned the situation of unaccompanied minors in Spain, stating that the country was failing to comply with its legal obligation to protect them<sup>2</sup>.

1. Is the Commission aware of these violations of the rights of minors seeking refuge?
2. Does it regard Spanish Law 26/2015 and the Framework Protocol on Unaccompanied Minors as consistent with Articles 20 and 31 of Directive 2011/95/EU, Article 24 of Directive 2013/33/EU, Article 25 of Directive 2013/32/EU, Articles 10 and 17 of Directive 2008/115/EC and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?
3. Will it take specific measures to ensure that the rights of minors are upheld in the Member States?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CRC/Shared%20Documents/ESP/CRC\\_C\\_ESP\\_CO\\_5-6\\_30177\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CRC/Shared%20Documents/ESP/CRC_C_ESP_CO_5-6_30177_E.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.savethechildren.es/publicaciones/infancias-invisibles>.