

**Question for written answer E-003002/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Death sentence for Sudanese rape victim

On the 9 May 2018, nineteen-year-old Noura Hussein was sentenced to death by a Sudanese court for killing her husband when he tried to rape her. Noura was forcibly married to an older man when she was 16, which caused her to flee and take refuge at an aunt's house, where she stayed safe from harm for a period of three years. With time, she was convinced by her family to return home, but when she did so she was handed over to her husband, who proceeded to rape her with the assistance of three other persons. The following day, when he was about to rape her again, she defended herself by stabbing him, which resulted in his death, and fled to her parents, who swiftly turned her in to the police. In view of this shocking case, which has sparked a worldwide outcry and a massive campaign to overturn the appalling sentence:

What steps will be taken by the EU to convince the Sudanese authorities to commute the death sentence passed on Noura Hussein?