

**Question for written answer E-001492/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Trafficking in women from Myanmar to China

Research by Human Rights Watch has revealed that hundreds of women from Myanmar are being sold to Chinese men. Many of them are Christian women from Kachin and Shan States. This trafficking in human beings is thought to be linked to the serious shortage of women in China arising from the one-child policy. Women from Myanmar are taken to China under false pretences and forced to marry a Chinese man and have sex with him, with the aim of bearing a child. Myanmar and China are aware of the situation, but are making little effort to address it.

1. What does the Commission think about the fact that Myanmar has failed to address trafficking in human beings despite the fact that the government knew about the situation and that trafficking in human beings is illegal in the country<sup>1</sup>?
2. Is the Commission willing to contact Myanmar about this situation, and what other measures does the EU intend to take in response to these reports?
3. Does the Commission consider this situation to be a 'serious and systematic violation of principles laid down in human rights conventions', and is it therefore prepared to withdraw EBA privileges, which are conditional on compliance<sup>2</sup>?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/03/21/interview-why-brides-myanmar-are-trafficked-china> (paragraph 18)

<sup>2</sup> <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/everything-arms>