

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3052/09

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to the Council

Subject: Rape of lesbian women in South Africa

1. Is the Council aware of the report recently published by ActionAid, supported by the South African Human Rights Commission, on the growing number of rapes and assaults on lesbians in South Africa, intended to 'cure' them of their sexual orientation? If not, will the Council and Commission take note of it? For further information, see <http://www.actionaid.org/main.aspx?PageID=1315>.
2. What view does the Council take of this, and particularly of the reluctance of the South African judicial system and police to take action against it?
3. Will the Council take action and thus draw attention to these practices in unambiguously condemnatory terms? If not, why not?