

**Question for written answer E-010751/2011
to the Commission**

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Subject: Child abuse in Pakistan

According to a report entitled 'Cruel Numbers' published by Sahil, an NGO working exclusively on child sexual abuse and exploitation in Pakistan, in 2010 a total of 2 252 children were sexually abused throughout the country. In the rare cases of children complaining to the authorities, they are usually not helped and are even blamed for their own abuse.

Can the Commission outline the measures being taken by the authorities to protect the rights of children in Pakistan?

How can the Commission support Pakistan's judiciary in its fight against child abuse?

What are the many civil society actors supported by the Commission doing to support rape victims and the rights of women in general?