

**Question for written answer E-004576/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protection of women and children against human trafficking in Moldova

A recent report by 'La Strada International', an international female human rights organisation, highlights the fact that Moldovan legislation on human trafficking, child labour and forced labour 'does not meet international criteria and is far from the EU and the US requirements'. It reports a 'failure and inefficiency of law enforcement authorities' which, it claims, often collude with the human trafficking networks.

Would the Commission clarify what actions are being taken to put a stop to human trafficking in Moldova and to bring Moldovan laws and the penalties imposed by the Moldovan judiciary into line with EU standards?