

**Question for written answer E-003367/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Amendment to the French Public health code

In February 2017, the French National Assembly adopted an amendment to the Public Health Code, which introduced custodial sentences and fines for public statements (including on the Internet) 'exerting moral and psychological pressure' with a view to preventing abortion (deprivation of life of unborn children).

Did the Commission express an opinion on this amendment after its draft had been proposed and, especially, after the French Government had used a fast legislative path and during the course of the debate?

Does the Commission consider the new act, and especially its section 2, to be in contradiction of Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

Does the Commission take into account that the new act will limit the activities of non-governmental organisations fighting abortion?