

**Question for written answer E-007416/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Violence against children perpetrated by EU border agency staff

In a report released in October 2017, the humanitarian organisation Médecins Sans Frontières made serious accusations against the EU border agency Frontex. It stated that, particularly along the border with Serbia, acts of violence are regularly perpetrated against young refugees by Croatian, Hungarian and Bulgarian border police officers in order to deter them from continuing their journey to the EU.

1. Is the Commission aware of this? If so, what measures does it intend to take?
2. What action will it take if these accusations prove to be well founded?
3. More generally, what practical steps does it intend to take to offer unaccompanied minors better protection and ensure that their asylum applications are processed more quickly?