

**Question for written answer E-000039/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting women against gender violence in Valencia

In Valencia in the first week of 2019 there were two cases of rape (in the neighbourhoods of Borriana and Callosa d'en Sarrià) and one case (in Sagunt) of a mother and her children being held captive by her ex-husband. At a time when women in Spain are feeling increasingly unsafe, the far right is calling for the repeal of Spain's Gender Violence Act. Furthermore, parties in government that supported the Act and backed the Istanbul Convention are now promoting legislative changes that will diminish the protection of women. In 2018, 44 women in Spain were killed by their current or former partners, and a rape was reported every five hours. This is all happening at a time when the Spanish authorities are systematically breaching the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating gender violence.

1. What has the Commission done to ensure that Spain is adhering to the Istanbul Convention?
2. Have the checks made led to any conclusions being drawn as to the risk of women's rights being eroded?
3. Is the Commission considering taking action in response to the failure to comply with the Convention?