

**Question for written answer E-002040/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Women's rights in Honduras

A New York Times report of 5 April 2019 sheds light on the horrific situation of women in Honduras. More than 60 % of murders of women in Honduras are gender-motivated killings in which the perpetrator was a partner or family member or had committed domestic violence; in which death was preceded by sex; or in which the victim's body was disfigured. 96 % of murders of women go unpunished, and recourse was had to special law only 33 times in a period when 1 569 women and girls died violently. This makes Honduras one of the world's five deadliest places to be a woman.

Honduras is a party to the EU-Central America Association Agreement, of which Article 1.1 makes respect for fundamental human rights an essential element of the agreement, Article 1.3 reaffirms the parties' attachment to the rule of law, and Article 21 establishes a dialogue on citizens' security as being fundamental to promote human development.

In view of the above:

1. Has the EU taken any concrete steps in relation to the situation of women in Honduras?
2. Would the Commission consider stricter enforcement of the articles of the association agreement relating to the protection of women, as well as introducing legally binding measures in future agreements in order to ensure better protection of women?
3. What tools are being employed to monitor and enforce the association agreement in the field of human rights?