

**Question for written answer E-002106/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Specific protocol during lockdown owing to pandemics for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on 2 April every year. In the current situation triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is worth remembering that the domestic confinement measures adopted by the governments of most Member States are particularly difficult for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Given their condition, these citizens cannot remain confined to their homes indefinitely and need to be able to go out in order to avoid breakdowns which may severely affect their behaviour, health, and physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Conditions for going out on the street vary depending on the country. In Spain, the state of emergency takes into account the circumstances of people with ASD and they are allowed to circulate freely outside. Nevertheless, some associations have denounced cases where persons with ASD were reprimanded so that some have opted to wear items identifying their condition.

In light of the above,

Does the Commission intend to put forward a specific protocol laying down measures to ease the domestic confinement during pandemics of persons with ASD for therapeutic reasons?