

Question for written answer E-002713/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Strengthening national systems of support for victims of domestic/gender-based violence during the pandemic

The pandemic is leading to a frightening increase in violence against women.

Will the Commission say what measures it will take with a view to:

1. strengthening national legal aid systems for the victims of domestic/gender-based violence from the stage of obtaining legal advice to that of applying to the investigating authorities for the criminal prosecution of the perpetrator and filing civil proceedings against the perpetrator or the state authorities for failure to provide protection?
2. strengthening the IT infrastructure of national judicial systems by introducing new digital technologies that allow the free provision of online legal services (guidance, bringing charges and monitoring cases) to victims?
3. confirming that free health care and protection services for women at risk are available, are well-informed and have adequate resources?