

**Question for written answer E-002715/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Terrifying increase in violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Istanbul Convention

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

Will the Commission say what measures it will take to ensure that:

1. the Istanbul Convention is ratified and implemented and that measures are taken to support victims of violence/release them from the environment of violence, as provided for by the Convention?
2. national legal frameworks are re-examined in the light of the Istanbul Convention and the obligations it creates to effectively prevent, address and stop violence against women?
3. measures are taken to publicise the validity and need for the immediate application of these laws during the pandemic?