Question for written answer E-006622/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Maria Spyraki (PPE)

Subject: Anonymous website for the sharing of pornographic material and personal data of victims

Numerous complaints have been registered over the last few days regarding chatpic.org, an anonymous chat site that illegally shares pornographic material and photographs of women and girls illegally acquired without their knowledge. In many cases, the perpetrators also release personal details (such as their names, addresses, social media user names, schools attended), thereby even endangering the life and physical safety of victims. Access to the website is unrestricted and free of charge for all users, regardless of age. Furthermore the material is classified by place of residence of the victims, indicating neighbourhoods in Greek and other European cities (e.g. Evosmos in Thessaloniki).

It is particularly difficult for the national authorities to clamp down on the perpetrators, since they are using an anonymous cross-border site. In view of this:

- 1. Can the steps be taken, as part of the European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children, to end immediately the uploading of such material?
- 2. What measures can be taken at European level to close down this and similar websites that exploit anonymity on the internet in order to commit criminal offences such as the dissemination of child pornography and breaches of personal data?