

**Question for written answer E-001017/2021/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 138
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Subject: Istanbul Convention - preventing and combating violence against women

According to statistics, one-fifth of women were victims of violence during the first lockdown and 96% of them failed to report this to the police. The European Parliament has therefore once again been calling for measures to combat gender-based violence as a matter of priority¹ and has been urging all Member States and the European Union to ratify the Istanbul Convention. In view of this:

1. What steps has the Council taken to ensure that each Member State ratifies the Convention?
2. When was this matter last discussed?
3. What explanations and justifications are being advanced by Member States that have delayed in ratifying the Convention or are refusing to do so?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0025_EN.html