

**Question for written answer E-003109/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Mahsa Amini

A number of protests have been held in Iran since Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman, lost her life on 16 September 2022 in Tehran, after being arrested by the religious police for not wearing the Islamic headscarf, or hijab, in a way considered correct under Iranian law.

Over the years, many protests have been held and arrests of activists made over these rules. In mid-August 2022, the Iranian Government signed a decree providing for harsher penalties for those violating the laws on how to dress in public.

In the light of the above:

1. Has the Commission sought an explanation from the Iranian Government about what happened?
2. What view does the Commission take of these violent incidents and the subjugation of women?
3. To prevent the hijab being imposed on women, thus depriving them of their freedom, what policies is the Commission pursuing in the EU?