

Question for written answer E-015152/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

On 6 April 2011 in Istanbul, the Council of Europe adopted the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. This is the first legal instrument in Europe to establish binding rules to prevent violence against women and girls and protect the victims and punish the perpetrators of such violence. The Convention may be ratified by the European Union, which would then accede to it within the scope of its powers. The Convention entered into force on 1 August 2014 but the EU is still to ratify it.

Since ratifying the Convention would be beneficial in combating in the scourge of domestic violence, promoting new initiatives at European level and ensuring that its provisions are interpreted in the same way across all of the Member States, whether they have ratified it or not, is effective ratification on the Commission's agenda, and if so, in what timeframe?