

**Question for written answer E-015641/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Sign language in the EU

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities stipulates that all appropriate measures shall be taken to ensure that persons with disabilities can exercise the right to freedom of expression and opinion, including recognising and promoting the use of sign languages.

1. Can the Commission specify which Member States recognise sign language?
2. What means does the Commission have at its disposal to encourage Member States to recognise sign language?