

**Question for written answer E-016112/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Sexual violence against children

Sexual violence against children is a gross violation of children's rights.

Current data provided by the Council of Europe indicate that one in five children in Europe are victims of some form of sexual violence. It is also estimated that in 70 % to 85 % of these cases, the abuser is somebody the child knows and trusts.

1. How is the Commission working towards the prevention of sexual violence against children in order to ensure the Union adheres to Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?
2. Is the Commission planning on furthering its efforts in this regard?
3. Is the Commission planning on enhancing further legislative tools in addition to Directive 2011/92/EU on combating child sexual abuse online?