

**Question for written answer E-015220/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Appeal to the Commission to declare 2016 European Year for combating violence against women and girls

At its meeting on 25 November 2015, the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality asked an oral question to discuss the EU's role in eliminating gender violence, which, according to some sources, affects more than nine million women in Europe.

On 9 June 2015, European Parliament adopted a resolution on the EU Strategy for equality between women and men post-2015, paragraph 14 of which reiterates Parliament's call for the Commission to declare 2016 European Year for combating violence against women and girls.

Will the Commission officially designate 2016 European Year for combating violence against women and girls?

If not, why not?

Will the Commission call for the EU's accession to the Istanbul Convention in 2016?