

**Question for written answer E-005207/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Draft Personal Status Law in Iraq

On 25 February 2014 Iraq's Council of Ministers approved a new draft Personal Status Law. This draft law will have serious consequences for the rights of girls and women in Iraq. Under the provisions of the law girls are allowed to be married from the age of nine. The draft law has been criticised by Iraqi human rights activists, religious leaders and judges.

What action will the Vice-President / High Representative take vis-à-vis the Iraqi Government in order to ensure that this new draft law is withdrawn?