

**Priority question for written answer P-002374/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: UN view on the French bans on wearing the hijab in sport

The UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls recently criticised the French bans on wearing the hijab in sport, calling them discriminatory and for them to be reversed. According to the report, the measures violate women's and girls' rights to freely manifest their identity, religion or belief in private and in public.

Yet, thousands of Muslim girls and women complain that they are forced to wear the headscarf, against their will, precisely for religious reasons. In the news, there are frequently reports about women who have been the victims of violence, abuse and even murder for daring to remove their headscarf, live a Western lifestyle or refuse arranged marriages.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission agree with the view expressed by the United Nations on the ban on Islamic headscarves in sport in France?
2. Does it see the Islamic headscarf as a symbol and tool for integration and freedom?

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