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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission refers to its reply to parliamentary question E-002366/2018¹. The Commission recalls that the administration of justice falls within the competence of national authorities.

The Commission has assessed the transposition into national legislation of the provisions of the Victims' Rights Directive in all Member States. In May 2020, the Commission adopted a report on the implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive² which assesses the extent to which Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with its provisions. The Spanish law transposes all essential elements of the binding provisions of the Directive into national law. In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission continues to monitor the correct enforcement of these provisions in all Member States, including in Spain.

Rights of victims of crime remain one of the key priorities for the Commission. In 2023, the Commission proposed to revise the Victims' Rights Directive³ to further strengthen the rights of all victims of crime in the EU, notably the rights of the most vulnerable victims. Among others, the Commission proposes that the most vulnerable victims should be able to rely on free psychological support for as long as necessary – if justified by individual assessment. The proposal is currently under negotiations by the co-legislators.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2018-002366-ASW_EN.pdf.

² Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA, COM(2020) 188 final.

³ Proposal for the amendment of Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA.