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Subject: Femicide: violence against women

'Femicide' as such was defined for the first time in Mexico as 'the sum total of crimes against humanity consisting of criminal acts, kidnappings and disappearances affecting girls and women in a context of institutional collapse'. Central America and Mexico have witnessed a sharp increase in violent killings in recent years: in Mexico, 6 000 girls and women were killed between 1999 and 2006; in Guatemala, 1 188 women were murdered between 2001 and 2004; in Honduras, 442 women and girls were victims of violent killings between 2002 and 2005; and in Nicaragua 203 women were murdered between 2003 and 2005 (all according to Parliament's report 2007/2025(INI)).

In this respect, we would like to ask the new Commission the following:

How does it intend to address violence against women and the gender-related dimension of human rights violations internationally, especially in the context of bilateral association and international trade agreements in force and those under negotiation?

Will it propose a set of tools to analyse the gender impact in the compulsory sustainability impact assessments, which are carried out before the conclusion of such agreements and which still lack a meaningful gender dimension?