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The conclusion of the agreement between the Colombian Government and the FARC means that Colombian society will have to rearrange its priorities in order to lay the foundations for a lasting peace involving sustainable development, the satisfaction of victims' rights and the strengthening of participatory democracy as guarantees to ensure that there is no repeat of the long-running war in the country. For this peace plan to work, there must be an end to discrimination and violence against women.

In Colombia in 2014, one woman was subjected to sexual violence every 29 minutes. At least two women were killed by their partner or ex-partner every five days, and every two days at least one woman was subjected to sexual violence as part of the armed conflict (data provided by the National Forensics Institute).

How does the EU envisage the promotion of participatory processes that identify priorities for cooperation in Colombia to ensure that women are involved in consultation processes so that women's voices are heard, and their priorities for sustainable human development are included, in programmes designed to consolidate peace in the country?

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