

**Question for written answer E-001923/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU funding of pro-abortion NGOs

'She decides' is the name of the press conference held in Brussels on 2 March 2017 which was attended by the Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Mr Mimica. The main aim of the event was to renew support and funding for programmes promoted by the EU institutions and NGOs in support of the human rights, including sexual and reproductive rights, of women in developing countries.

Up to 2020, the EU will grant EUR 2.5 million in funding to programmes and initiatives in support of reproductive and sexual health.

The Commissioner also said he would continue to sustain and support the activities of some partner NGOs, such as the IPPF (International Planned Parenthood Federation), which has recently been banned from receiving US Government funding due to its responsibility for numerous and proven abortions.

Given that abortion is not a matter of EU competence, can the Commissioner clarify:

- why he decided to take part in the 'She decides' initiative and what his aim was;
- whether he is aware of the activities (including abortions) carried out by the NGO IPPF;
- whether he does not consider it appropriate to halt funding for those who practise or promote abortion?