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Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development Cooperation
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Motion for a resolution

Amendment by Feleknas Uca

Amendment 1

Citation 8

- having regard to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), adopted at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations in September 2000, ***and in particular the MDG on promoting gender equality and empowering women as a prerequisite to overcoming hunger, poverty and disease, reaching equality at all levels of education and in all areas of work, equal control over resources and equal representation in public and political life,***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 2

Citation 15

- having regard to the Joint statement by the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on European Union Development Policy: 'The European Consensus' (The European Consensus on Development) signed on 20

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December 2005¹ *and the European consensus on Humanitarian Aid of December 2007*²,

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 3

Citation 21

- having regard to the *United Nations Population Fund's State of World Population reports of 2005 and 2006, entitled "The Promise of Equality: Gender Equity, Reproductive Health and the Millennium Development Goals" and "A Passage to Hope: Women and International Migration", respectively,*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 4

Citation 25

- having regard to the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa, also known as the "Maputo Protocol", which came into force on 26 October 2005 (*deletion*),

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 5

Citation 25 a (new)

- *having regard to the Council conclusions of 5 and 6 December) on the review of implementation by the member states and the EU institutions of the Beijing platform for action and, in particular, the accompanying report developed by the Portuguese Presidency containing indicators on women and poverty;*

Or. en

¹ OJ C 46, 24.2.2006, p. 1.

² The Statement on the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid was approved by Council on 19 November and the European Parliament on 29 November and has been signed by the Presidents of the Commission, Council and European Parliament on 18 December 2007.

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker
Amendment 6
Citation 25 a (new)

- ***having regard to the UN International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in September 1994, the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo as well as the subsequent outcome documents adopted at the UN Cairo+5 special session on further actions to implement the Programme for Action adopted in 1999,***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 7
Citation 25 b (new)

- ***having regard to the Brussels Call to Action to Address Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond (June 2006);***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 8
Citation 25 c (new)

- ***having regard to the Maputo Plan of Action for the operationalisation of the Continental Policy Framework for sexual and reproductive health and rights 2007-2010, adopted at the special session of the African Union in September 2006,***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 9
Citation 25 d (new)

- ***having regard to the Brussels framework for action and recommendations on health for sustainable development, adopted by the ACP health Ministers in Brussels in October 2007,***

Or. en

Amendment by Felekнас Uca

Amendment 10
Recital B a (new)

Ba. *whereas the UN General Assembly has included universal access to reproductive health by 2015 as a sub-goal in the list of Millennium Development Goals,*

Or. de

Amendment by Anna Záborská

Amendment 11
Recital C a (new)

Ca. *having regard to point 9 of the Platform for Action adopted at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995, which is also a fundamental principle reiterated at all the international conferences held during the preceding decade: 'The implementation of this Platform, including through national laws and the formulation of strategies, policies, programmes and development priorities, is the sovereign responsibility of each State, in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the significance of and full respect for various religious and ethical values, cultural backgrounds and philosophical convictions of individuals and their communities should contribute to the full enjoyment by women of their human rights in order to achieve equality, development and peace',*

Or. fr

Amendment by Felekнас Uca

Amendment 12
Recital E a (new)

Ea. *whereas economic growth is essential to combating poverty, but is not in itself sufficient, because it does not generate enough new opportunities to establish businesses and create jobs,*

Or. de

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 13

Recital G

G. whereas early education and training for girls and women (***including comprehensive sexuality education***) are crucial in the fight to eradicate poverty and widespread disease, ensuring that women increase their knowledge, skills and confidence in order to fully participate in society and politics,

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 14

Recital G a (new)

Ga. whereas women's full enjoyment of their sexual and reproductive health and rights are a prerequisite for achieving gender equality; as the ability of women to control their own fertility is fundamental to women's empowerment; as women who can plan their families can also plan the rest of their lives; as healthy women can be more productive; as the protection of reproductive rights - such as planning their family in terms of birth timing and spacing and decision making regarding reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence - provide the freedom to participate more fully and equally in society,

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 15

Recital H

H. whereas it is crucial to provide financial and technical support to women's organisations in order to promote programmes for the most vulnerable members of the population, ***including migrant, internally displaced and refugee women***, in particular the supply of equipment and appropriate technology for food processing and workload alleviation, the facilitation of women's access to land, the improvement of girls' access to and attendance at schools,

Or. en

Amendment by Felekñas Uca

Amendment 16
Recital H a (new)

Ha. whereas in certain cultures traditional and religious prejudices still exist, restricting and discriminating girls' and young women's access to education,

Or. en

Amendment by Felekñas Uca

Amendment 17
Recital L a (new)

La. whereas the Vienna Declaration, adopted on 25 June 1993 by the UN World Conference on Human Rights, states that 'The human rights of women and of the girl-child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights', and whereas equality between women and men is a fundamental right and principle of the EU, recognised by the Treaty establishing the European Community and by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment by Anna Záborská

Amendment 18
Recital M

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Anna Záborská

Amendment 19
Recital M a (new)

Ma. having regard to the various programmes to increase awareness of female and male fertility, which form part of sexual education for men and women and enable couples to plan births naturally, and whereas their usefulness and effectiveness have been emphasised, in the light of the 'Teen Star' programme, in the report entitled 'Fertility Awareness and Contraception' drawn up by Parliament's STOA,

Or. fr

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 20
Recital M a (new)

Ma. whereas due to the widespread existence of sex-selected abortions in the developing world; and until sexual and reproductive health services can be demonstrated to be gender-neutral in application; sexual and reproductive health services should be taken to expressly exclude abortion;

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 21
Recital M b (new)

Mb. whereas with regards to the maternal mortality rate as prioritised within the Fifth Millennium Development Goal, data from the UN Population Division has shown that countries with the highest controls on abortion also enjoy lower rates of maternal mortality than countries where abortion is legal – and that countries with the most liberalised abortion laws have the highest maternal mortality rates; and that furthermore a recent study for the Finnish government found that women who abort are four times more likely to die within a year than are women who carry to term;

Or. en

Amendment by Anna Záborská

Amendment 22
Recital N

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 23

Recital N

N. *whereas **the actual number of annual maternal deaths is unknowable (according to Dr Joseph Chamie, the former head of the UN statistics office), the most important means for reducing maternal mortality are the presence of skilled birth attendants and access to emergency obstetric care (according to the United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA),***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 24

Recital N

N. *whereas each year there are still **536 000** maternal deaths; (95% of **which** occur in Africa and Asia), **and for every woman who dies, 20 or more experience serious complications, ranging from chronic infections to disabling injuries such as obstetric fistula, which could be easily avoided with universal access to basic and emergency obstetric care and reproductive health services,***

Or. en

Amendment by Felekna Uca

Amendment 25

Recital N a (new)

Na. *whereas, according to a study by the International Food Policy Research Institute, there is a clear link between the nutritional situation of children and the degree of authority exercised by women in the household and women whose status is low and who have no say in family affairs are more likely to be malnourished themselves; in that connection, pointing out that better nutrition could prevent a large proportion of child deaths and would bring us closer to achieving the Millennium Development Goal of reducing child mortality rates,*

Or. de

Amendment by Anna Záborská

Amendment 26

Na (new)

Na. whereas the success of the "ABC¹ approach" in fighting HIV/Aids in an increasing number of countries — including Uganda, Thailand, Kenya, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, India, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Dominican Republic, and Haiti — has been evidenced by USAid and UNAids studies, showing national or sub-national declines in HIV associated with the widespread adoption of this strategy,

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknaš Uca

Amendment 27

Paragraph 2 a (new)

2a Points out that our understanding of women's roles in post-war societies and of their contributions to post-war reconstruction must go beyond the universalistic narrative of "women's experience of war" and that the specificity and diversity of women's experiences must be acknowledged;

If Amendment 27 is adopted, Paragraph 21 will be deleted as identical

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 28

Paragraph 2 a (new)

2a. Deplores that most DCI Country Strategy Papers refer to gender as a cross-cutting area, without indicating any specific gender-related targets or activities; strongly calls for gender-specific targets and activities to be included in future strategies;

Or. en

¹ *the ABC approach means A like Abstinence from sexual activity, B like being faithful to a single partner, and C like correct and consistent condom use are three key behaviours that can prevent or reduce the likelihood of sexual transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.*

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 29

Paragraph 3

3. Welcomes the Commission's call for the EU to support third countries in complying with and implementing international obligations, such as ***the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979), the Cairo Programme of Action (1994 and 2004), the Beijing Platform of Action (1999 and 2005), and the Declaration of the Millennium Development Goals (2000)***;

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 30

Paragraph 4

4. Endorses the Commission's view that the funding made available to support the integration of gender equality problems into development cooperation is insignificant when compared with the resources earmarked for other horizontal measures; ***regrets that only 5% of the DCI funds for the thematic programme 'Investing in People' (2007-2013) are allocated to gender equality and that regional and country strategy papers do not give an overview of budget allocation to gender equality since gender is only mentioned as a cross-cutting issue and thus no financial details are provided***;

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 31

Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. Expresses concern regarding the Commission's new aid architecture, which gives preference to budget support, since this can bring additional difficulties in the assessment of gender equality progress***;

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 32

Paragraph 5

5. Emphasises that globalisation processes offer poor countries new opportunities, **and therefore any** disadvantages and risks **to** women **be fully minimised through committed application of the principles outlined in this Report and elsewhere;**

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 33

Paragraph 5

5. Emphasises that globalisation processes **should** offer poor countries new opportunities **and take into account women's' specific needs as they** are often unskilled workers and therefore, socially disadvantaged;

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 34

Paragraph 6

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 35

Paragraph 6

6. Emphasises that **(deletion)** the implications of trade liberalisation **and** international trade policy will **(deletion)** lend impetus to poverty reduction and development in the medium and long term;

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 36

Paragraph 7

7. ***Acknowledges that*** against the background of a trade policy based on full market liberalisation and the simultaneous introduction of labour-saving technologies, jobs and livelihoods can ***best*** be created for the broad mass of unskilled women in developing countries ***through these very countries' committed application of de-regulated, free-market principles, so that new jobs and wealth creation can be shared appropriately, rewarding each according to one's ability, and therefore calls on the Commission to put forward practical and cost-effective proposals as to how the Union can assist in promoting programmes encouraging and enabling more female entrepreneurs in the developing world, and to support, more generally, women in fully utilising their innate enterprising spirit,***

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 37

Paragraph 7

7. Calls on the Commission to put forward practical proposals as to how, ***in the context of an increasingly globalised world,*** jobs and livelihoods can be created for the broad mass of unskilled women in developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 38

Paragraph 8

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 39
Paragraph 9

deleted

Or. en

Amendment by Felekna Uca

Amendment 40
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9a. *Calls on the Member States and the Commission, as employers in developing countries, to take account of the principle of work consistent with human dignity by increasing wages in accordance with ILO Recommendation 135 concerning minimum wage fixing, with special reference to developing countries;*

Or. de

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 41
Paragraph 11

11. *Points to a missing link between trade, development and gender equality; asks the Commission to evaluate the potential effect of EPAs from the gender perspective;*

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 42
Paragraph 12

12. *Points out that the ability of women to influence the development of their own lives is contingent on their education; highlights the importance of gender-sensitive education programmes targeting women and men;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 43
Paragraph 13

13. Asks the Commission to **(deletion)** ensure ***through appropriate, cost-effective means,*** that all forms of gender discrimination are eliminated **(deletion)**;

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 44
Paragraph 14

14. ***Welcomes the Commission's call for gender sensitive performance indicators to be developed and calls for the inclusion of such indicators in all DCI and EDF Country Strategy Papers as well as in the assessment of outcomes during mid-term and final reviews of such strategies;*** calls on the Commission to develop transparent and readily interpretable parameters in the form of quantitatively measurable and, above all, qualitative indicators so that it can assess progress towards equality and empowerment for women regularly and effectively; ***invites the Commission to raise awareness in dialogues with third countries on the importance of gender-aggregated and comparable data;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 45
Paragraph 14

14. Calls on the Commission to develop transparent and readily interpretable parameters in the form of quantitatively measurable and **(deletion)** qualitative indicators so that it can assess progress towards equality and empowerment for women regularly and effectively; ***supports the gender disaggregated indicators in annex VII as a good basis to develop a comprehensive instruments to measure results;***

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 46
Paragraph 14

14. Calls on the Commission to develop **low cost**, transparent and readily interpretable parameters in the form of quantitatively measurable and, above all, qualitative indicators so that it can assess progress towards equality and empowerment for women regularly and effectively;

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 47
Paragraph 15

15. Welcomes ***the fact that the Commission's strategy takes into account the phenomenon of gender-based*** violence;

Or. en

Amendment by Felekna Uca

Amendment 48
Paragraph 15

15. Welcomes the express link between women and violence in the strategy; ***criticises strongly the fact that measures to combat traditional practices involving violence against women are not part of the Commission's strategy;***

If Amendment 48 is adopted, paragraph 19 will be deleted as it is identical

Or. de

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 49
Paragraph 16 a (new)

- 16a. Invites the European Commission and the Member States to develop specific, time-bound and measurable commitments - and allocating adequate resources - to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for all women and girls by 2010;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 50
Paragraph 16 b (new)

16b. Welcomes the strong reaffirmation of the linkage between HIV/AIDS policies and programmes and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) policies and services in the above-mentioned Commission Communication;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 51
Paragraph 16 c (new)

16c. Calls on the Commission to strengthen its political leadership role on SRHR and to increase funding for SRHR, in order to support countries to achieve the MDGs, in particular the target of universal access to reproductive health under MDG5, and to address currently neglected women's SRHR issues such as obstetric and traumatic fistula;

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 52
Paragraph 17

17. Points out that societal discrimination suffered by women and girls *might arguably serve* to increase their risk of contracting HIV (*deletion*);

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 53
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Calls for a greater recognition of the role of faith in societies, specifically those

faiths which are not predicated on religiously-sanctioned subjugation of women, to safeguard – from the heart – the fundamental moral equality of women;

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 54
Paragraph 17 b (new)

17b. *Deplores in the strongest possible terms the virtual chattel status of women trapped under Sharia Law, and understands this oppression to represent the diametric opposite of every principle this Report holds to be paramount;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 55
Paragraph 17 c (new)

17c. *Highlights the following controversial Sharia interpretations as being specifically condemnable:*

- *the allowance for women to be unilaterally, and without their consent, divorced by their husbands,*
- *the allowance for divorced women to have no right to any maintenance payments,*
- *the automatic granting of custody of the children to the father,*
- *the flogging or stoning to death of women accused of adultery,*
- *the imprisonment of women who have been raped (if the required male witnesses can't be found, the victim's charge of rape becomes an admission of adultery, and this accounts for the grim fact that as many as 75% of women in prison in Pakistan are in fact behind bars for the crime of being a victim of rape),*
- *the compulsory covering of all parts of a woman's body (apart from the hands and the face) whilst in public,*
- *the diminished legal status of women (a woman's testimony is worth only half that of a man's),*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva
Amendment 56
Paragraph 17 d (new)

17d. Urgently notes that the European Court of Human Rights has declared that:

- **“It is difficult to declare one’s respect for democracy and human rights while at the same time supporting a regime based on Sharia, which clearly diverges from Convention values, particularly with regard to ... its rules on the legal status of women...”.**
- **the Sharia-based notion of a "plurality of legal systems, grounded on religion" contravenes the Convention,**
- **“Sharia is incompatible with the fundamental principles of democracy”;**

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 57
Paragraph 17 e (new)

17e. Notes with alarm that the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a group representing all Muslim majority nations (and which is now also the largest caucus in the UN), adopted the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which diverges from the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR) substantially, affirming Sharia as the sole source of human rights, and therefore laments the dire and real threat to the cause of women and their emancipation, especially in the developing world, that the Cairo Declaration represents;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 58
Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Welcomes the fact that the Commission Communication recognises the importance of supporting research for microbicides and vaccines (which are the most promising technologies for women) and calls on the European Union to further ensure the inclusion of AIDS vaccine and Microbicides Research and Development within the broader development and gender equality agendas;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 59
Paragraph 17 b (new)

17b. Points out, however, that more emphasis should be put on the female condom, the only device available today that is women-initiated and controlled and that provides dual protection (from both HIV and unwanted pregnancies);

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 60
Paragraph 17 c (new)

17c. Encourages the European Union to promote the inclusion of prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) within the package of comprehensive approaches to HIV;

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknas Uca

Amendment 61
Paragraph 18

18. Underlines the importance of putting women at the centre of water supply, sanitation and hygiene; and underlines therefore the importance to expand access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and water for productive uses;

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 62
Paragraph 18

18. Underlines the importance of putting *men and* women *equally* at the centre of water supply, sanitation and hygiene;

Amendment by Anna Záborská

Amendment 63
Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. Calls on the EU to incorporate into education programmes measures to raise awareness of female and male fertility, as part of sex education for men and women, given that the usefulness and effectiveness of such measures have been emphasised, in the light of the ‘Teen Star’ programme, in the report entitled ‘Fertility Awareness and Contraception’ drawn up by Parliament’s STOA;

Or. fr

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 64
Paragraph 19

19. Calls on the Commission to address the issue of gender-based violence related to traditional and cultural practices;

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 65
Paragraph 19

19. Criticises strongly the fact that measures to combat traditional practices involving violence against women are not part of the Commission’s strategy; *condemns any legal, cultural and religious practices that discriminate women, exclude them from political participation and public life and segregate them in their daily lives, as well as those that tolerate rape, domestic violence, forced marriage, lack of equal rights in divorce processes, honour killings, obligation against the woman's own will to observe specific dress codes, harassment for not conforming to gender-related norms or rules, trafficking and forced labour; urges the Commission and Member States to combat these practices in development cooperation policies;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 66

Paragraph 19

19. Criticises (*deletion*) the fact that measures to combat traditional practices involving violence against women, *such as “honour” killings, sex selective abortions, dowry deaths and forced early marriage of young girls and adolescents*, are not part of the Commission’s strategy; *calls on the Commission to make strenuous efforts to support information and advocacy programmes that raise public awareness and change the climate of public opinion in Country programming and to make the measures that are taken to fight against all forms of violence against women, including traditional harmful practices, a criteria of good governance of partner countries;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 67

Paragraph 19 a (new)

19a. *Recalls the late Benazir Bhutto’s generally forgotten opening of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995: “To please her husband, a woman wants a son. To keep her husband from abandoning her, a woman wants a son. And, too often, when a woman expects a girl, she abets her husband in abandoning or aborting that innocent, perfectly formed child.”; Bhutto went on to say that she heard “the cries of the girl child,” and added: “This conference needs to chart a course that can create a climate where the girl child is as welcome and valued as the boy child.”;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 68

Paragraph 19 b (new)

19b. *Notes with alarm the UNFPA’s State of the World Population Report last year, which admits there is a global deficit of 60 000 000 women in the world, and that these ‘missing’ females have been prenatally sex-selected, aborted, and infanticised out of existence; and therefore condemns in the strongest possible terms the ‘woman’s right to choose’ ideology, which has indeed resulted in women choosing to abort babies solely due to their female gender;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva
Amendment 69
Paragraph 19 c (new)

19c. Calls on the Commission to instruct all of the Union's partners around the world (both government and NGOs), who provide sexual health services, to undertake a permanent gender analysis of all EU funded and partially funded abortions; and to routinely report these findings to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 70
Paragraph 19 a (new)

19a. Calls on the Commission and EU member states to implement the Brussels Call to Action to Address Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond;

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 71
Paragraph 19 b (new)

19b. Urges the Commission to make sexual and reproductive health and rights in crises and conflict areas, including the fight against sexual violence, a priority in the humanitarian phase as well as in post-war reconstruction;

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknaš Uca

Amendment 72
Paragraph 20

20. Stresses the need to supplement the image of women as vulnerable victims with an image of women as a highly differentiated group of social actors, who possess valuable resources and capacities and who have their own agendas; women influence the course of things, and ***they must shape the development process***;

Or. de

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 73
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. *Points out that gender policy must take into account the important role the family plays in social structures, and should allow women the freedom to choose whether to prioritise their role within the family without stigma;*

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 74
Paragraph 20 a (new)

20a. *Calls on the EU to increase efforts aimed at implementing Resolution 1325 of the United Nations Security Council, which calls for an increased participation of women at all decision-making levels in conflict resolution and peace processes;*

Or. en

Amendment by Nirj Deva

Amendment 75
Paragraph 21 a (new)

21a. *Points out that a certain degree of humility be observed by the EU in its promotion of gender equality in the developing world, as the post-war redefinitions of gender and gender roles has left the EU with not a single member state with replacement-level birth rates (2.1 children per woman), a long-term demographic catastrophe that only spite would knowingly see contaminate the peoples of the developing world;*

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes and Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 76
Paragraph 21 a (new)

21a. Stresses that rape has been used as a weapon of war and that this phenomenon needs to be addressed through support programmes for victims;

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 77
Paragraph 22

22. Calls on the Commission to make strenuous efforts to take full account of gender equality in country programming; stresses that considerable work is still needed to incorporate gender equality as a horizontal task into the day-to-day practice of EU development cooperation; ***calls on the Commission to pursue gender balance at Commission Delegations, by appointing more women as staff, including in top positions such as Head of Delegation; calls on the Commission to involve more women in all its development related work as well as in Election Observation Missions deployed to developing countries;***

Or. en

Amendment by Felekna Uca

Amendment 78
Paragraph 22

22. Calls on the Commission to make strenuous efforts to take full account of gender equality in country programming; stresses that considerable work is still needed to incorporate gender equality as a horizontal task into the day-to-day practice of EU development cooperation; ***urges the Commission, when implementing country strategy papers, to work together with NGOs on the spot in the countries concerned;***

Or. de

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 79

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Highlights the potential of micro-credit as a tool that development cooperation policies can use to promote development of local communities and women's empowerment;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 80

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Calls on the Commission to provide clear information on available mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the strategy, including on financial and human resources that will be allocated to ensure an effective implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknaš Uca

Amendment 81

Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. *Points out that at national level, gender equality is more likely to be achieved if there are sufficient financial resources and qualified gender equality specialists, especially locally based, as part of project teams;*

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknaš Uca

Amendment 82

Paragraph 22 b (new)

22b. *Calls for a stronger commitment from the Commission and the Member States to allocate funds and other resources, including micro credit and creative alternative financing mechanisms, to civil society organisations, particularly those that are gender-sensitive and work with women as full and equal partners; urges the Commission to supply Gender Training to their staff members working in*

development countries;

Or. en

Amendment by Ana Maria Gomes

Amendment 83

Paragraph 24

24. Welcomes the establishment of the EC/UN Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace¹, ***stresses the interest of the European Parliament in being informed and involved in the work developed by this Partnership;***

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknaš Uca

Amendment 84

Paragraph 24 a (new)

- 24a. ***Underlines the importance to encourage donor coordination for gender mainstreaming, improving dialogue and communication to achieve common understanding of gender concepts and appropriate methodology;***

Or. en

Amendment by Feleknaš Uca

Amendment 85

Paragraph 25 a (new)

- 25a. ***Points out that good governance includes respect for fundamental freedoms and treating women's rights as basic fundamental rights and gender equality and that it is central to achieving the MDGs and other development goals,***

Or. en

¹ The “EC/UN Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace” is an initiative that involves the European Commission (EC), the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO). It is a follow-up to the “Owning Development. Promoting Gender Equality in New Aid Modalities and Partnerships”¹ conference that was jointly organized by the European Commission and UNIFEM in November 2005.