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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on the Annual Report on Human Rights in the World 2012 and the European Union's policy on the matter
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Reiterates that the promotion of women's rights should be a crucial part of human rights dialogues conducted by the EU with third countries; recognises the positive role played by the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights; encourages the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission to define, in partnership with each country, the problems to be addressed simultaneously so that funds and resources can be targeted in order to better fulfil the objectives;
2. Reaffirms its condemnation of all violence against women, especially the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and domestic violence; stresses the importance of information and awareness campaigns in communities where female genital mutilation (FGM) is practised;
3. Calls on the EU and its Member States to support women's full participation in political and economic decision-making, especially in peace-building processes, democratic transition and conflict resolution;
4. Encourages the Member States, the Commission and the EEAS to emphasise the economic empowerment of women in developing countries by promoting their involvement in small and medium-sized enterprises and agriculture, and their access to land;
5. Calls for efforts to be stepped up to achieve the Millennium Development Goals concerning gender equality, maternal health and access to education, especially for girls and young women;
6. Requests that the conclusions of the EU Election Observation Missions (EOM) always be taken into account in drawing up programmes to support women's participation in electoral processes and in implementing the missions' recommendations;