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on women's right to self-determination and adequate sex education and family
planning in the European Union

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Written declaration on women's right to self-determination and adequate sex education and family planning in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard Article 152 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to the report on health and rights concerning sexuality and reproduction (INI/2001/2128),
 - having regard to the report on aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries (repeal. Reg. 1484/97/EC)(2002/0052(COD)),
 - having regard to the 2005 Declaration of EU Ministers of Gender Equality recognising the human rights and gender equality aspects of sexual and reproductive health,
 - having regard to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD),
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to provide a legal framework for guaranteeing the following values and issues:
 - women must have access throughout the EU to accurate information, comprehensive sex education and family planning;
 - women must have access to high-quality women-centred care and services on reproductive health including safe abortion;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider the prevention of unsafe abortions in some Member States as a public health priority and encourage Member States to delete the restrictive clauses added and/or reservations made in relation to UN Conventions and their Treaty of Accession to the EU;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.