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to the Commission

Subject: Reproductive health care in the EU

The Beijing Action Platform establishes that Governments must 'provide more accessible, available and affordable primary health-care services of high quality, including sexual and reproductive health care, which includes family planning information and services'.

On the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development we see that 'all Governments ... are urged ... to deal with the health impact of unsafe abortion as a major public health concern' and must 'consider reviewing laws containing punitive measures against women who have undergone illegal abortions'.

According to a 2004 World Health Organization report 2004, the number of unsafe abortions in all Europe around the year 2000 was 500 000, and 300 000 was the number of maternal deaths due to unsafe abortion, which represents 20% of all maternal deaths, and in some Member States the cost of contraceptive pills is no longer shared by the public health care system.

As the Programme of the International Conference on Population and Development and Beijing Action Platform were adopted by all Member States, we would like to ask the Commission what it intends to do in this field in order that women can have access to accessible, available and affordable primary health-care services of high quality, including sexual and reproductive health care.