

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1904/10  
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to the Commission

Subject: International Women's Day 2010 - activities of the EU delegation to Kazakhstan

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8 March 2010, and a number of NGOs, which have received financial support from the European Commission, carried out activities on this occasion.

The Delegation of the European Union for relations with the Republic of Kazakhstan lists, in an overview (Ref. Ares(2010)126415 - 10/03/2010), five NGOs (International Organisation for Social Projects, Namys, SHYRAK, Federation of women victims "Echo of Polygon" und ISTOK) which organised receptions, concerts or round tables for International Women's Day.

1. How much did these activities cost overall? How high was the financial support from the Commission?
2. The EU's Central Asian policy should first and foremost be about access to local raw materials. What is the connection between this goal and the carrying out and subsidising of measures on International Women's Day?