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to the Council**

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Subject: EU leadership in international summits on sexual and reproductive health and rights

In the Council's conclusions of 10 May 2010 on the EU's role in global health, it is agreed that the Union has a central role to play in accelerating progress on global health challenges and the advocacy of better global governance of health-relevant environmental agreements. It is also stated that particular attention will be devoted to the four main health challenges, one of which is specified as sexual and reproductive health.

Despite this agreement, the EU did not take a clear stand in favour of integrating reproductive health and rights as a key issue in the outcome document adopted at the conference entitled 'Rio+20: The Future We Want'.

1. Can the Council explain why the EU did not, in line with the Council conclusions on global health, take a leading role in the Rio+20 negotiations in order to ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights were integrated as a key issue throughout the final agreement?

In the light of the upcoming negotiations on the future of the international Conference on Population and Development in 2014, the Millennium Development Goals, and the 20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action planned for 2015:

2. How will the Council ensure that the EU is able to take a clear stance in support of sexual and reproductive health and rights?
3. How will the involvement of Parliament in the formulation of this position be ensured?
4. Will the publication of a common position on sexual and reproductive health and rights be debated?