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Subject: EU funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights and the Family Planning Summit (11 July 2012)

The European Consensus on Development (2005) makes specific reference to sexual and reproductive health and rights, as set out in Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Furthermore, the Council conclusions on the EU's role in global health (2010) state that one of the four main health challenges is sexual and reproductive health. On various occasions, Parliament has expressed its support for investing in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), notably in the report entitled 'Progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals', adopted in June 2010.

During the Family Planning Summit of 11 July 2012, Commissioner Piebalgs announced a EUR 23 million package for family planning.

However, the Commission Communication on the Agenda for Change lacked such clear reference to SRHR. In addition, the Commission proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation only refers to sexual and reproductive health and rights as a sub-theme under 'Health', within the 'Human Development' category of the thematic programme.

Given the importance of SRHR for the EU, as stated in various key policy documents adopted by the three EU institutions, how will the Commission ensure, beyond the Family Planning Summit pledge, continued support to SRHR within the new DCI and EDF frameworks?