

**Question for written answer E-002919/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Combating gender inequality

Meeting in plenary sitting in Strasbourg, the Members of Parliament voted by a majority to reject the motion for a resolution on equality between women and men in the European Union – 2012.

This outcome has, unfortunately, served to pass over key economic points mentioned in the report which highlighted the great difference between women and men and are indicative of modern society's attitude to one of its most important and productive elements – women.

In spite of the rejection of Ms Zuber's motion for a resolution, the Commission, in the debate, again threw its full weight behind the task of reducing gender inequality. Besides the measures already adopted to ensure that by 2020 at least 40% of non-executive posts on company boards will be held by women and the recommendations addressed to Member States, what additional steps will the Commission take to combat inequality between women and men, even in cases where the approval of the majority in Parliament is not forthcoming?