

**Question for written answer E-002341/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Commission stance on abortion

Speaking at the 'She Decides' conference in Brussels on 2 March 2017, Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, said that the Commission would keep using its funds for family planning services around the world, which he explained cover 'safe abortion'.

Until then, the Commission had always approached the subject with caution, insisting that it did not have an 'abortion policy' or 'promote abortion', and instead it supported the legal framework of individual Member States.

Has the Commission changed its position at long last? At a time when the right of women to decide what to do with their bodies is under threat in a number of European countries, what of its support for the pro-choice movement?

Commissioner Mimica claimed to be 'proud to announce that we will continue to support the work of our partners like UNFPA, UNICEF, IPPF', despite the fact that IPPF is under investigation for allegedly selling the organs of aborted babies. Can the Commission shed light on what he meant by that?