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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Online violence against women - a breach of fundamental rights

As pointed out in connection with the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, online violence against women, which has proliferated alarmingly, is a breach of fundamental rights in that it seeks to subjugate women and discourage their participation in public life.

Nowhere is this more evident than on the TikTok digital platform in the United States, where an apparent attempt is being made to have 24 April 2021 declared 'National Rape Day'. This narrative has reached a number of European countries, including Spain, where it has caused great alarm, forcing the police to issue a public disclaimer indicating that the message is a hoax that must not be propagated but reported to the authorities.

In any event, the Commission, for its part, is currently working on the new digital services standard. In view of this, can it say what implementing mechanisms will be introduced to counter such attacks on women's rights, and, in particular, establish the responsibilities of online platforms for content disseminated by users?