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Subject: Situation of women and girls with disabilities

In 2015, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities raised its concerns that the EU has
neither mainstreamed a disability perspective in its gender policies, nor adopted a gender perspective
in its disability strategies. The committee recommended that the EU develop affirmative actions to
advance the rights of women and girls with disabilities, establish a mechanism to monitor progress,
fund data collection and research on women and girls with disabilities, and ratify the Istanbul
Convention, in order to combat violence that women and girls with disabilities are particularly
vulnerable to. In 2021, the above recommendations remain valid. Both the gender equality strategy
2020-2025 and the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030 refer to the situation
of women and girls with disabilities only briefly and insufficiently.

1. What measures has the Commission implemented to advance the rights of women and girls with
disabilities, especially with regard to protection from violence?

2. What legislative or non-legislative measures is it planning to propose in that regard?

3. What is its view on the level of mainstreaming of the disability perspective in EU gender policies
and the gender perspective in disability strategies?