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Subject: The Spotlight Initiative and funds to combat gender-based violence

In 2017, the Commission launched the Spotlight Initiative, which is the world's largest targeted effort to end all forms of violence against women and girls. The initiative is a global, multi-year partnership between the EU and the UN to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls by 2030, and is supported by an investment of EUR 500 million. The Spotlight Initiative is funded until 2022.

Taking into account that combating gender-based violence is a key priority of this Commission, as repeatedly stated by Commission President von der Leyen and Equality Commissioner Dalli, and in the light of the upcoming Generation Equality Forum, we ask:

1. Is the Commission planning to renew the funding for the EU-UN Spotlight Initiative after the current programme ends in 2022?
2. How much funding is the Commission planning to allocate to combat gender-based violence in the framework of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe's thematic and geographical programmes?
3. Is the Commission planning to announce a funding commitment on gender-based violence in the framework of the Generation Equality Forum and the Action Coalition on Gender-Based Violence?