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to the Commission

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Subject: Commission recommendation on the prevention of harmful practices

In 2020, the Commission presented the gender equality strategy (March) and the LGBTIQ equality strategy (November), both of which committed the Commission to tabling a recommendation on the prevention of harmful practices.

In the gender equality strategy, the Commission mentioned the ‘need for effective pre-emptive measures and acknowledging the importance of education’, as well as the ‘strengthening of public services, prevention and support measures, capacity-building or professionals and victim-centred access to justice’. In the LGBTIQ equality strategy, the Commission stated that intersex genital mutilation, forced medicalisation of trans people and conversion therapies targeting LGBTIQ people may have serious bodily and mental health repercussions, making reference also to forced abortion and forced sterilisation as forms of gender-based violence.

1. Has the Commission begun its work on the above-mentioned recommendation, and will it carry an intersectional perspective, as mentioned in the LGBTIQ equality strategy?

2. Are the practices of forced abortion, forced sterilisation, intersex genital mutilation, forced medicalisation of trans persons and so-called conversion therapies for LGBTIQ persons expressly included, along with proposed measures to counter them?

3. What is the timeline for tabling this recommendation?