

**Question for written answer E-002661/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Results achieved by the Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women worldwide

According to a report recently published by the European Court of Auditors, the Spotlight Initiative has failed in its main purpose of eliminating violence against women worldwide.

Another problem identified in the Court's report was the mismanagement of the EUR 500 million invested by the EU in the initiative, of which almost one third was entrusted to the United Nations for project management. Despite the substantial amount allocated, the project appears not to have received additional funding from other supporters or to have reduced cases of femicide and violence in a meaningful way.

In the light of the above, can the Commission confirm the findings of the European Court of Auditors' report on the unsatisfactory results of the Spotlight Initiative?

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