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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

on the proposal for a Council recommendation on the prevention of injury and the promotion of safety  
(COM(2006)0329 – C6-0238/2006 – 2006/0106(CNS))

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## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Text proposed by the Commission<sup>1</sup>

Amendments by Parliament

### Amendment 1

#### Recital 7

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### *Justification*

*Many accidents and injuries could be avoided by raising public awareness more effectively and changing unsafe behaviour, such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, etc.*

### Amendment 2

#### Recital 9

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### Amendment 3 Recital 9 a (new)

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C ..., 14.9.2006, p. ...

***(9a) In spite of recent studies injuries resulting from domestic violence are still underrated from the point of view both of the physical and psychological damage caused and of the financial burden placed on health and welfare systems.***

*Justification*

*Recent study in UK estimated the annual costs of domestic violence to be 23 billion GBP, direct costs inflicted by injuries to healthcare system and economic loss being more than 4 billion GB*

Amendment 4  
Recital 9 b (new)

***(9b) Consideration should be given to the correlation between the availability and consumption of alcohol and drugs and the prevalence of injuries arising from acts of violence or accidents, and in particular road-traffic accidents.***

Amendment 5  
Recital 11

(11) In order to streamline the resources of the Community Public Health Programme and to tackle injury prevention most effectively seven priority areas have been identified: safety of children and adolescents, safety of elderly citizens, safety of vulnerable road users, prevention of sports injuries, prevention of injuries caused by products and services, prevention of self harm and prevention of violence. These priority areas have been determined by taking account of the social impact of injuries in terms of the number and severity, the evidence regarding the effectiveness of intervention actions and the feasibility of successful implementation in the Member States.

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Amendment 6  
Recommendations to the MS, (1)

(1) Develop a national injury surveillance and reporting system, which provides comparable information, monitors the evolution of injury risks and the effects of prevention measures over time and assesses the needs for introducing additional initiatives on product and service safety;

(1) Develop a national injury surveillance and reporting system, which provides comparable information **and a data breakdown by gender and age**, monitors the evolution of injury risks and the effects of prevention measures over time and assesses the needs for introducing additional initiatives, **firstly** on product and service safety **and, secondly, on raising public awareness, paying particular attention to vulnerable groups such as the young**;

*Justification*

*While gathering the statistical data it would be important to have a gender perspective in order to establish what kind of accidents occur mostly to men and what — to women, as well as possibility of analysis by age.*

Amendment 7  
Recommendations to the MS, (2)

(2) Set up national plans for preventing accidents and injuries initiating interdepartmental co-operation and increasing funding opportunities for campaigning actions, promoting safety and implementing such national plans into practice, with a particular attention to children, elderly people and vulnerable road users, and with special regard to sports injuries, injuries caused by products and services, violence and self-harm.

(2) Set up national plans for preventing accidents and injuries initiating interdepartmental co-operation and increasing funding opportunities for campaigning actions, promoting safety and implementing such national plans into practice, with a particular attention to children, **in particular young girls**, elderly people, **the disabled, women** and vulnerable road users, and with special regard to sports injuries, **injuries caused by female genital mutilation**, injuries caused by products and services, **especially domestic violence**, and self-harm.

*Justification*

*Given the high number of injuries resulting from domestic violence and knowing that it mainly concerns women, it is necessary to spell it out among priorities, which also applies for young immigrant girls and genital mutilation.*

Amendment 8  
To the Commission, (5)

(5) Carry out an evaluation report four years after the adoption of this Recommendation to determine whether the measures proposed

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*Justification*

*Proposal for the Recommendation and the Commission communication contains neither a reference to any earlier gender impact assessment, nor an intention to carry it out in the future. In order to change this situation it is necessary to make gender impact assessment mandatory part of the report*

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Proposal for a Council recommendation on the prevention of injury and the promotion of safety
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<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Anna Hedh, Zita Pleštinská
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	Albert Deß, Viktória Mohácsi
<b>Comments (available in one language only)</b>	...