ORAL QUESTION H-0364/03 for Question Time at the part-session in July 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by John McCartin to the Commission

Subject: Human rights in Russia

Is the Commission aware of the extent of violence against women in Russia and, in particular, violence in the home which is estimated to result in the deaths of 14 000 women each year. Is the Commission aware that the Russian Government has not ratified the optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women which confers authority on CEDAW to examine complaints by individuals and groups? Finally, will the Commission undertake to consider this problem and report back to Parliament?

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