ORAL QUESTION H-0408/03 for Question Time at the part-session in July 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Bastiaan Belder to the Commission

Subject: HIV/AIDS information campaigns in the developing countries

The action programme agreed at the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo includes 'information, education and communication campaigns to raise awareness and emphasise behavioural change' (paragraph 8.31). How does the European Commission intend to incorporate the various aspects of 'safe and responsible sexual behaviour', such as delaying sexual activity and reducing the number of sexual partners, within the framework of its development cooperation policy?

To what extent does the European Commission support the activities of faith-based organisations which emphasise these particular aspects of safe and responsible sexual behaviour?

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