ORAL QUESTION H-0790/03 for Question Time at the part-session in December 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Lennart Sacrédeus to the Council

Subject: Reproductive health and rights

The demographic challenge posed by an ever ageing population and low birth rates represents one of the European Union's most important issues of the future, as noted by the Council at its meeting in Stockholm in March 2001 during the Swedish Presidency.

In the light of this worrying population trend, will the Council say what initiatives have been taken or are planned, with regard to the Member States in the context of reproductive health and rights, to provide better and more support - social, humane and financial - to women who are considering terminating their pregnancy so that they can let life live and children be born instead?

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