

ORAL QUESTION H-0794/03  
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2003  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Reproductive health

Does the Council consider that, when granting funds to an organisation, the Commission should consider the organisation's activities as a whole or only the activity in respect of which the organisation is applying for EU funding?

Does the Council consider that, by adopting the regulation on reproductive health and rights in developing countries, it has empowered the European Commission to fund only those organisations which include abortion as part of their activities?

In the context of the European Union's human rights policy and human rights in the world, the European Union's role in promoting human rights and democratisation in third countries, the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and respect for fundamental rights in the European Union, does the Council consider that abortion is a fundamental and inalienable human right, especially in the context of the fight against poverty and the promotion of sustainable development?

Does the Council believe that EU funding of organisations which provide abortion where it is legal or which promote the legalisation of abortion where abortion is currently illegal is compatible with the 1959 UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which states that the child 'needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth'?

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