ORAL QUESTION H-1040/06 for Question Time at the part-session in December 2006 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Teresa Riera Madurell to the Commission

Subject: Action taken by the Commission on the recommendations set out in the report on women and fishing

A number of recommendations from the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality were incorporated in the report on women's networks: fishing, farming and diversification adopted by Parliament on 15 December 2005.

They included a call for action to secure better living conditions for women working in the fisheries sector and for the communities in which they live.

What steps will the Commission be taking in support of the efforts being made by such women to guarantee their social and economic rights and secure greater legal and social recognition?

Are steps to be taken to ensure full implementation of the principle of equal treatment and opportunities for women and men in relation to training and access to funding and loans, including micro-loans?

How does the Commission intend to step up direct involvement by women in representative, decision-making and advisory fisheries bodies at European, national and regional level?

Has it launched a project covering the specific situation of women shellfish gatherers?

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