

ORAL QUESTION H-0816/08
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Education of girls in the developing world

Educating females in the developing world has been described as 'the greatest hope for ending poverty' and, by the former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, as 'the single highest-returning social investment in the world today'.

What is the Commission doing to ensure that the particular societal, cultural and practical challenges associated with providing full-time education for girls is incorporated into education and development strategies?

Furthermore, given that many societies give preference in education to boys and that dropout rates are higher for girls - as they can be withdrawn from education for reasons of marriage or work - what measures does the Commission have at its disposal to encourage girls to stay in education beyond the Millennium Development Goal 2 aim of primary education?

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