

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1406/09
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to the Commission

Subject: EU support for Kashmir and application of UN Resolution 1325

UN Resolution 1325 of the Security Council provides for measures to ensure the equal participation of women in decision-making and power regarding war and peace. This cannot be confined to the areas of foreign affairs and defence but must also apply to development aid and projects set up in this area. The European Union has put considerable financial resources into Kashmir in the past decades, both to tackle the problems resulting from the conflict which has been dragging on for decades, in which women and children are the main victims, and to handle the catastrophic consequences of the earthquake in 2005.

Can the Commission state to what extent the principles of UN Resolution 1325 are being applied to its policy in this area? Have specific projects been set up with a view to the empowerment of women and girls?

Is there a gender perspective in the programmes which have been carried out, and how has this been applied? What is the percentage of women in (respectively) the follow-up groups, steering groups and target groups of the various programmes?