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European Parliament	

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Resolution on the European Union's policies on gender equality

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the occasion of International Women's Day on 8 March, expressing its solidarity with all those women who still cannot enjoy their basic women's rights, who are still suffering under oppression inside and outside the family, who are

deprived of their dignity as human beings, who are to a greater extent than men victims of violence, rape, sexual mutilation, trafficking and sexual exploitation and other severe forms of discrimination. It expressed its support for all women, who are active in promoting women's rights and called on them to continue their struggle for a better and more humane world and full equality for all. Parliament stated that the EU has played an essential political role over the last 30 years in promoting equality between women and men, and in this way has set other countries an example. It called on the Council to take an initiative at UN level to organise a Beijing + 10 Conference. It regretted that a number of Member States, while having incorporated all gender directives in their respective legislation, are reluctant to introduce the necessary supporting measures to achieve real equality between women and men in everyday life. This is underlined by the first Commission annual report on gender disparities, which confirms the inequalities which still exist between women and men. It was also disappointed that the Member States have not properly followed up the Council recommendations on gender equality and that the decisions taken at the Lisbon and Barcelona European Councils concerning better participation by women in employment and concerning the quality and quantity of child care have not been followed up with adequate policies at European and national level. Parliament went on to call on Member States actively to look at women candidates for the Post of President of the Commission. It advocated the establishment of a new women's rights DG. With a view to the forthcoming European elections, Parliament addressed a last call to all leaders of political parties in the EU and accession countries to respect gender equality and draw up gender-balanced lists for the next Parliament. In addition, the Commission should speed up the efforts leading to the setting-up of a European Gender Institute, as has been requested by Parliament. Finally, Parliament called on the Council and Commission to declare 2006 European Year against Violence against Women.?