

**Question for oral answer O-0000/2019/2019**

**to the Council**

Rule 136

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on behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

**Subject:** The EU priorities for the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW64)

A delegation of the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality will attend the sixty-fourth session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW64) between 16-18 March 2020. The UN CSW64 will focus on reviewing and appraising the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA), the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly and the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Governments at the UN CSW are set to adopt a Political Declaration to mark the 25th anniversary of the BPfA. 25 years after BPfA, women's rights and gender equality have not yet been fully realised. Women in Europe and around the world are still facing:

- economic inequalities, including gender segregation in labour markets, a lack of participation in the labour market from women from poorer backgrounds and gender pay and pension gaps;
- violence (including physical, emotional, sexual, economic or coercive);
- backlashes against their rights (including SRHR) and still existing stereotypes;
- a lack of representation in decision making.

A renewed commitment is now needed, with more ambition, more accountability and significant resources.

- Can the Council elaborate on the main points in the European Union Statements at the UN CSW and how the European Parliament priorities will be incorporated? How will the Council ensure that the EU has a strong coordinated approach and an ambitious and strong commitment within its Political Declaration, including specific measures, to ensure real progress towards gender equality, following the priorities of the current presidency which include empowering women in society and in the labour market?
- Through what concrete actions will the Council ensure that the EU and its Member States accelerate their commitment to the implementation of the BPfA and the Beijing+5 Political Declaration by integrating gender equality goals into relevant future EU strategies and policy processes, including economic and budgetary policies? Specifically what fresh steps will be taken to mainstream the gender perspective in all EU policies and programmes?
- • How will the Council elaborate on the cooperation with civil society, particularly women's organisations, in order to achieve the objectives of the BPfA and to prepare the EU position at the UN CSW64?

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