Gender equality: Community framework strategy, programme 2001-2005

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The committee unanimously adopted the report by Marianne ERIKSSON (EUL/NGL, S) amending (under the consultation procedure) the proposal for a Council decision on the programme relating to the Community framework strategy on gender equality for the period 2001-2005. The committee believed that the proposal should include an article on the funding of the programme and proposed a figure of at least EUR 50m. The report insisted that the Commission should report annually to Parliament's Women's Rights Committee on the progress and results of the programme. Among the measures it proposed was that the EU should organise joint campaigns in the Member States against violence against women and children on 25 November every year, in line with the UN proclamation on this subject. It also called for statistics to be compiled on the pay received by men and women for equivalent work. Lastly, it urged that support be given to equal opportunities measures in the applicant countries and that the human rights of women be guaranteed everywhere, including in the developing countries.