Development cooperation, women participation: integration of gender issues

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The revised Commission proposal incorporates 10 of the 20 amendments approved by the European Parliament at second reading, the majority of which seek to re-establish the initial proposal with regard to: - coordination between Community programmes and programmes in Member States; - the financial threshold at which the committee is consulted; - the absence of a cut-off date for application of the regulation; - the comitological changes which seek to make provision for an advisory committee rather than a IIb committee (except for the description of the committee and information requirements). It also incorporates: - the strategic approach and the use of financial instruments to promote positive action to reduce inequalities; - mainstreaming in all aspects of development cooperation; - editing clarifications or improvements. However, the Commission rejected the amendments relating to the inclusion of even an indicative financial reference amount in the regulation, clarification of the instruments covered by the funding, invitations to tender and contracts, the origin of supplies, the Community level of training and sensitisation actions or the decision-making powers of the Commission in relation to the operations covered. It also rejected a number of amendments relating to transparency (participation of an MEP in joint committee meetings, introduction of a senior EC steering group). Finally, it does not wish to mention the cooperation "interventions" which may be funded.