Development cooperation, women participation: integration of gender issues

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In its assessment of the Council common position on the integration of gender issues in development cooperation, the Commission stated that it had been unable to accept the Council text and a number of declarations were therefore entered in the minutes of the common position. The Commission found the text unacceptable on 4 major points: 1) the financial reference amount entered in the regulation text: the Commission considered that the sum of ECU 25 million was the Council's responsibility alone and did not affect the powers of the budgetary authority; 2) comitology and the threshold of ECU 1 million for presenting projects to the committee: a IIb committee was unacceptable to the Commission which preferred an advisory committee; 3) the length of the regulation set at 5 years: the Commission felt that the nature of the proposed actions justified an open-ended regulation; 4) the new tasks incumbent upon the Commission relating to the organisation of meetings with the representatives of Member States and recipient countries: the Commission considered that this was its responsibility alone as administrator of the budgetary line in question. Consequently, this clarification should not be included in the text of the regulation.