

Development cooperation: promoting gender equality

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Olga ZRIHEN ZAARI (PES, B) approving the common position. Parliament is of the opinion that aid should be given primarily to non-governmental organisations, local communities and women's organisations working on the spot who best know the situation and needs of local people. For the period 2004-2006 an amount of EUR 9 million has been allocated (as proposed by the Commission therefore the increase of EUR 2 million was rejected). In order to support sustainable progress in the developing countries, MEPs say it is not enough simply to set up an anti-poverty programme: women's emancipation must also be encouraged.