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Subject: The need for a gender impact assessment on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on gender equality

It is clear that the COVID-19 crisis disproportionately affects women and has revealed the gender inequalities that exist, and continue to exist, in the Member States. On 17 April 2020, Parliament adopted a resolution on EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences. In the resolution, Parliament urged the EU and the Member States to incorporate a gender analysis of all response efforts in order to ensure that gender inequalities are not exacerbated.

Furthermore, hardly any data on this topic is available. Studies are currently being carried out and data is being gathered by institutions such as the European Institute for Gender Equality. However, it is troubling that related policies are not up-to-date in this regard and that gender mainstreaming and gender-sensitive response measures are lacking.

1. Does the Commission plan to carry out a gender impact assessment to get a clear picture of the impact the crisis is having on gender equality, and if so, when?
2. If it intends to carry out a gender impact assessment, how will it streamline its policies and implement the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 based on the data and results it gathers?