

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003568/25
to the Commission
Emma Fourreau (The Left)
(16 September 2025)**

Subject: Trump administration orders contraceptives intended for humanitarian aid to be destroyed

The Trump administration has announced that contraceptives worth almost USD 10 million and intended for humanitarian aid are to be destroyed. This decision seriously violates women's rights to bodily autonomy and severely undermines international solidarity. Most of the contraceptives are intended to be sent to Africa as humanitarian aid, and their destruction is part of President Trump's war against the right to abortion and against women's fundamental rights.

The contraceptives in question are being stored in Belgium and the plan is to incinerate them in France. The European Union is strongly committed to protecting women's rights to bodily autonomy and is duty-bound to act in accordance with its Charter of Fundamental Rights, in particular with Articles 1, 6, 21 and 23.

How does the Commission plan to:

1. prevent the destruction of the contraceptives that are under threat from Trump and are currently stored in the EU, as well as stop US interference in how those contraceptives are handled within the EU?
2. effectively respond to and help to combat Trump's repeated attacks on women's rights to bodily autonomy?
3. protect women's and girls' fundamental rights through its external and humanitarian action, in particular by providing contraceptives for humanitarian aid?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(1 December 2025)**

1. The Commission has taken note of the important matter the Honourable Member raises and acknowledges the related concerns. It is a national competency to prevent the harmful destruction of these contraceptives on the territory of a Member State. The Commission is monitoring the matter with Belgian and French authorities, who have initiated joint diplomatic efforts. Should a solution be found to make these commodities available to lower income countries, the Commission stands ready to explore ways together with partners to ensure that the supplies reach the intended beneficiaries as appropriate.

2. The Commission remains strongly committed to supporting women's rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights, as recently reaffirmed in the Roadmap for Women's Rights ⁽¹⁾ adopted in March 2025. The EU commitments are supported through policy dialogue and programmes in partnership with different stakeholders to improve equitable access to services and information with a particular focus on women and young people.

3. This commitment also applies to Commission's policies in the external and humanitarian field, as confirmed in for example the Gender Action Plan ⁽²⁾, the EU Global Health Strategy ⁽³⁾ and the recent report on the implementation of the latter from July 2025 ⁽⁴⁾. Investment in this area is a key contributor to health, well-being, and ultimately to sustainable development. This includes supporting access to contraceptives, which has a significant impact and gives a high return on investment and empowers women and adolescents.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/0c3fe55d-9e4f-4377-9d14-93d03398b434_en

⁽²⁾ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/gender-equality/gender-equality-and-empowering-women-and-girls_en

⁽³⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/eu-global-health-strategy-better-health-all-changing-world_en

⁽⁴⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/report-implementation-eu-global-health-strategy-2025-07-10_en