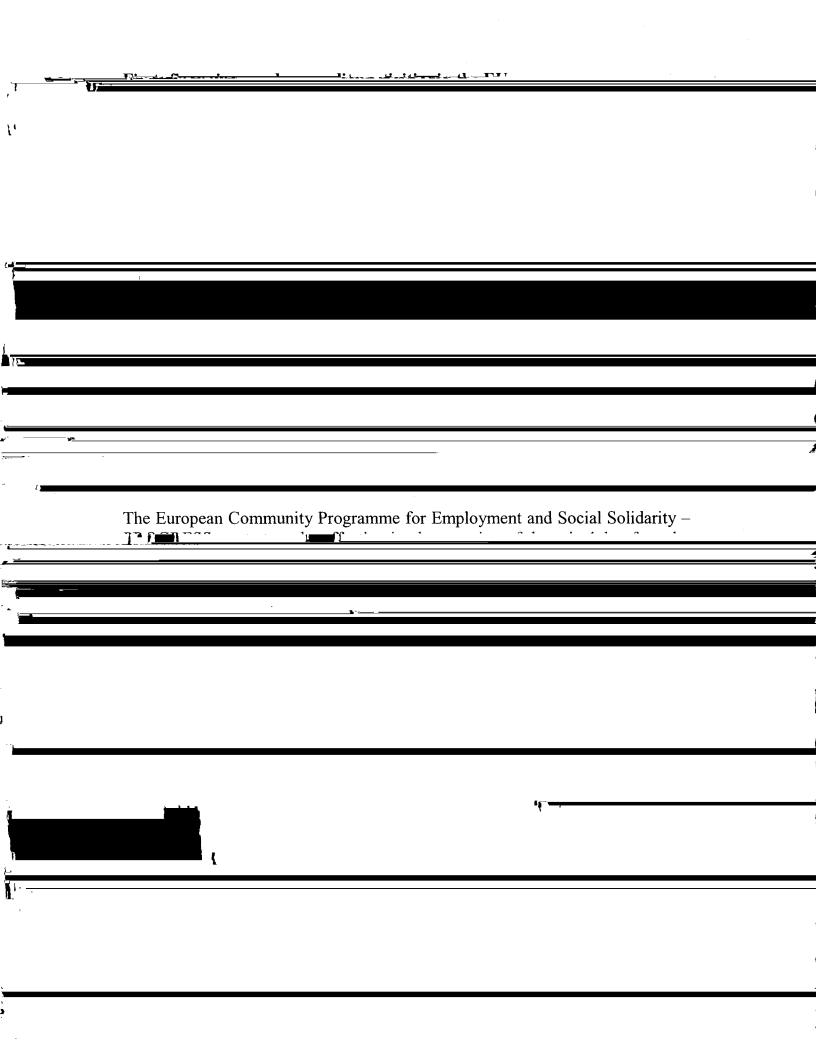


52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status Women

Mr Chairperson, It is an honour and a privilege to address this session of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Commission on the Status of Women. You heard on Monday from the Presidency of the Firepean Union on the Files work in the area of financing for condensately Mr Chair,

Monitoring mechanisms are a prerequisite for accountability and, for this reason, the European Commission is very much in favour of the OECD Gender Policy Marker. This instrument makes it possible to track gender equality focused aid and to monitor gender mainstreaming efforts.

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	Community budget process. We have launched a study to analyse the gender budgeting experiences in the Member States and international organisations and to examine the feasibility to apply gender budgeting on sections of the EC budget. The results are expected in mid-2008.
	Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share with you part of the work of the European Commission on gender equality.