

**Question to the Commission**  
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**Meeting of the Subcommittee in Human Rights the 4th of May 2006**

**Subject: Humanitarian Aid Commission's activities in Sudan**

We have been informed by the OMCT and the Sudan Organisation Against Torture (SOAT) that the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) decided to freeze the assets of the organisation Women Awareness Raising Group - Red Sea (AWOON - Red Sea), a women activists' organisation that provides legal assistance and legal advice for women in Port Sudan.

The governmental agency regulating both national and international voluntary organisations in Sudan, including human rights and humanitarian NGOs, addressed a formal letter to AWOON - Red Sea, notifying the organisation of the freezing of all its assets until further notice. The letter stated that the activities of AWOON - Red Sea were violating the 1998 Humanitarian Aid Commission Act, after the organisation had submitted a funding proposal to the European Commission, without first seeking the authorisation of the HAC.

The new Sudanese regulation on Organisation of Humanitarian Work Act, 2006 is a frontal attack to the spirit of the EIDHR.

What do the European Commission think about these facts and how it is going to react?