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NOTE

from : Council General Secretariat
to : Members of the Social Questions Working Party
Subject : Appointment of the Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality

1. Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality was adopted on 20 December 2006.¹ The Regulation entered into force on 19 January 2007.

Under Article 10(1) of the Regulation, the Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality shall consist of 18 representatives appointed by the Council, on the basis of a proposal from each Member State concerned, and 1 member representing the Commission.

Under Article 10(2) of the Regulation, alternates who represent the member in his or her absence shall be appointed by the same procedure.

The members of the Management Board shall be appointed in such a way as to secure the highest standards of competence and a broad range of relevant and transdisciplinary expertise in the area of gender equality.

¹ OJ L 403, 30.12.2006, p. 9.

2. In accordance with Article 10(3) of the Regulation, the Board will include 18 full members representing 18 Member States in the order of the rotating Presidencies, one Member being nominated by each Member States concerned for a period of 3 years.

The newly appointed Management Board will include members from the list of Member States set out below.

3. When submitting candidates to the Council, Member States must endeavour to achieve a balanced representation between men and women.
4. The DE, PT, SI, FR, CZ, SE, ES, BE, HU, PL, DK, CY, IE, LT, EL, IT, LV and LU delegations are accordingly requested each to submit a candidate and an alternate to the General Secretariat of the Council (**DG G II, Employment and Social Policy Division**), **for the attention of Ms Ruth BAJADA, fax 02 285 8501, email ruth.bajada@consilium.europa.eu, by 15 March 2007**. It is important that this deadline should be respected in order to permit the institute to become fully operational at the earliest possible date.
5. **Delegations should note that the lists of candidates sent to the General Secretariat must include surnames, forenames, postal addresses, fax numbers and email addresses.**

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