



URGENT REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW
(On basis of Regulation 1367/2006, Article 10)

To: European Commission
President Barroso

Brussels, 21 September 2007

Concerning the Commission's selection of candidates for the position of Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency

Dear President,

The Health and Environment Alliance hereby requests an internal review by the European Commission of the decision taken at its meeting of the 12th September to present only two candidates for the post of Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency to the Management Board of this Agency, pursuant to Article 84 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

We call for this internal review for two reasons. Firstly we are concerned that the selection of just two candidates does not provide a reasonable spectrum of choice for the Management Board. Secondly, we are concerned that suitable candidates meeting the criteria for eligibility set out in Article 84 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, whose inclusion in the shortlist could have provided a more balanced range of choices for the Management Board, were arbitrarily eliminated in the course of the selection procedure. We consider that in so acting, the Commission abused its discretion in a manner designed to unduly restrict the options available to the Management Board.

Because of the crucial role of the Executive Director in ensuring the legitimate and credible functioning of the agency and the importance of REACH for health and environmental protection, we urge the Commission to review its decision and bring forward a more complete range of eligible candidates.

Given the urgency of the matter, we would like to ask you treat this request faster than the delays laid out in Regulation 1367/2006. The undersigning organisation falls under the criteria laid down under article 11 of Regulation 1367/2006

Yours sincerely,

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