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Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG

Equality between Men/Women, Action against discrimination, Civil Society **The Director**

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Dear Members of the EU Health Policy Forum,

Subject: Consultation on follow-up strategy to the Roadmap for equality between women and men

The European Commission services are currently engaged in preparing the follow-up strategy to the Roadmap for equality between women and men. The Roadmap for equality between women and men, adopted by the Commission in 2006, represents its commitment to gender equality for the period 2006-2010. As the Roadmap expires in 2010, the Commission intends to present a follow-up strategy in 2010.

The Commission would like to receive the views of European NGOs and other organisations concerned with this issue. I would therefore be grateful to receive comments and contributions from your organisation.

The attached background paper provides further details and includes some questions which I would be grateful if you could consider. The Commission would like to receive the replies as soon as possible, but in any case before **15 October 2009**.

For your replies and any questions concerning this issue, please contact directly Els Mortier in DG Employment and Social Affairs (e-mail: els.mortier@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: background paper