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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on gender balance in EU economic and monetary affairs nominations (2019/2614(RSP))

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# European Parliament resolution on gender balance in EU economic and monetary affairs nominations (2019/2614(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 56(4) of Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 (SRM regulation)<sup>1</sup>,
- having regard to Articles 37 and 48 of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 (EBA regulation)<sup>2</sup>,
- having regard to Article 283 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
- having regard to its resolution of 16 January 2019 on the European Central Bank Annual Report 2017<sup>3</sup>,
- having regard to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR), in particular Article 14 thereof prohibiting discrimination,
- having regard to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) of 18 December 1979,
- having regard to the Commission's 2018 report on equality between women and men in the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas gender equality is a fundamental human right and achieving it would contribute to more inclusive and sustainable growth; whereas all EU and national institutions and bodies should implement concrete measures to ensure gender balance;
- B. whereas Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union lays down the principle of equality between women and men;
- C. whereas almost all key positions in the European Central Bank (ECB) and in the European supervisory authorities are held by men;
- D. whereas only one woman is currently on the Executive Board of the ECB; whereas only two out of 25 Members of the ECB Governing Council are women; whereas women continue to be under-represented in executive positions;
- E. whereas the Commission and the Council have, on a continuous basis, ignored

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 225, 30.7.2014, p. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Texts adopted, P8 TA(2019)0029

- Parliament's calls for a gender-balanced shortlist for these positions;
- F. whereas, for the most recent vacancies at the ECB, the European Banking Authority and the Single Resolution Board, only male candidates were selected by the relevant decision-making bodies;
- G. whereas only nine of the 28 Members of the European Commission are women; whereas seven of the 20 Members of the Bureau of the European Parliament are women; whereas 11 of 23 Committee Chairs are women;
- 1. Recalls its repeated demands for gender-balanced shortlists when it comes to key positions in European supervisory and monetary institutions;
- 2. Strongly deplores the lack of shortlisted female candidates for the most recent vacant positions for chief economist of the ECB, board member of the Single Resolution Board and chairperson of the European Banking Authority;
- 3. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that at least one candidate of each gender is on the shortlist for vacancies in key positions in European supervisory and monetary institutions;
- 4. Calls on the Member States to uphold their legal obligation under the Charter of Fundamental Rights to promote gender equality, and calls on all EU and national institutions and bodies to implement concrete measures to ensure gender balance;
- 5. Calls for a concrete plan from the Member States and the Commission on how to ensure that the composition of European supervisory and monetary institutions is more gender balanced:
- 6. Affirms that it will refrain from approving decisions on any vacant position in European supervisory and monetary institutions until an inter-institutional agreement concerning gender-balanced shortlists has been concluded with the Commission and the Council;
- 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the European Central Bank and the European supervisory authorities.