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Dear President Tajani,

Following the votes last week in the ECON committee on the appointments of José Manuel Campa as Chairperson of the European Banking Authority, Mr Sebastiano Lafiola as full Board Member of the Single Resolution Board and Philip R. Lane as Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank, our group has formally requested that the plenary vote on these appointments be postponed until we see a satisfactory reply from the Eurogroup and the Commission to the letter that you are expected to send following the decision of the Conference of Presidents of the 14 February.

Our group has been expressing strong concern and disappointment in the European Parliament and beyond on the scandalous structural gender imbalance regarding the appointment process and outcome of high level positions in key EMU related institutions and agencies, such as the European Central Bank, the European Supervisory Authorities and the Single Resolution Board. Currently, there is only one woman versus five men on the ECB Executive Board, one women versus 29 men in the ECB General Council, and one women chairing the SRB versus five men on the board, while the SSM and the three ESAs are chaired, or are set to be chaired by men. Daniele Nouy and Sabine Lautenschläger, two successful top women in financial supervision, recently lost their positions and were, or are, set to be replaced by men. We deeply regret that these latest appointments follow the path of further deepening the gender imbalance regarding such high level positions.

Irrespective of the personal qualities of the nominees, such development is not only inconsistent with the repeated statements made by both the Council and the Commission on the issue, but it also contradicts the spirit and the letter of the Treaties. Now, just ahead of International Women's Day, is the right time not only to talk about women's rights but to strengthen them.

The European Parliament has a key opportunity to take bold and highly visible action in order to address the situation. Although the European Parliament is only consulted for the nomination of Mr. Lane, it still has a strong impact by deferring such an appointment. This is even more the case when it comes to the appointments of Mr Campa and Lafiola as the Parliament has formal nomination powers. It is therefore of the utmost importance that such leverage, and the window of opportunity of the plenary vote on these



appointments as a package, is used in order to obtain formal and satisfactory guarantees that specific measures will be undertaken in the next year to address and correct such imbalances. This includes a nomination process that leads to gender balanced shortlists of qualified candidates and open, transparent and competitive calls for applications, including efforts to ensure diversity between the applicants.

We look forward to our joint and swift involvement in the Parliament in that perspective,

Sincerely yours,

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