

**Question for written answer E-003209/2015**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Representation of women at the top level of EU businesses

A legislative proposal from the European Commission – aiming to even out gender imbalances on the boards of directors of European businesses – was approved by the European Parliament more than a year ago, with a vast majority. No progress seems to have been made on this issue, however, and discussions on the proposal remain inexplicably held up in the Council of the European Union.

1. In light of the above, does the Council wish to reveal how discussions on said proposal are progressing?
2. Can it list the Member States that are most reluctant to accept the proposal in its current form, and reveal which are the most contentious points?
3. Considering that it is now up to EU governments to meet the challenge put forward by the European Parliament and European Commission, by working diligently on this draft legislation with the aim of giving proper weight to qualifications and merit, can the Council consider the benefits of launching a new initiative aimed at reviving discussions and putting this issue firmly back at the core of the institutional and public agenda?