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to the Commission**

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Subject: Gender discrimination on the labour market

Balanced participation by women and men in all areas of social, political and economic life is vital for competitiveness and sustainable development. Despite the progress made, particularly in education and employment, women still face many obstacles in achieving genuine equality. If genuine equality is to be a reality, we also need to change attitudes and behaviour, lifestyles and social structures that prevent women from freely developing their personalities and playing an active part in all areas of life: the economy, culture and politics.

Given that eliminating discriminatory practices based on gender-related criteria actively helps to create optimum conditions for women's equal access to the labour market, what steps will the Commission take to eliminate discriminatory practices based on gender-related criteria and actively help to create optimum conditions to ensure that women have equal access to the labour market, and thereby combat gender discrimination and promote equal opportunities on the labour market?