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to the Council

Subject: Subsidies for political parties that practise discrimination

Some political parties exclude women and LGBT people from positions in the party leadership and from holding political office.

Does the Council consider that this practice constitutes discrimination on the basis of gender or sexual orientation and is thus an infringement of the Employment Equality Directive 2000/78/EC?¹

Does the Council consider that public funding for organisations that do not comply with anti-discrimination legislation would constitute a breach of EU law, notably Article 13 ECT and the abovementioned directive?

¹ OJ L 303, 2.12.2000, p. 16.