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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commissioner Helena Dalli's 'guidelines for inclusive communication'

On 25 October 2021, Helena Dalli, the Commissioner for Equality, issued 'guidelines for inclusive communication'. Pandering to the most outrageous extremes of wokeism, the document caused great outcry. It recommends, for example, using neutral expressions such as 'Dear colleagues' instead of 'Ladies and gentlemen'. And even more hurtful for many Europeans, it says that the word 'Christmas' should be avoided, as it should not be '[assumed] that everyone is Christian'.

This fierce determination to achieve neutrality is not shown on all fronts, however, as the same Commissioner showed no hesitation in officially hosting the association FEMYSO, which is known to have ties with political Islam.

The cries of outrage led Helena Dalli to take down the document, but as she said it needed more work, a new version may be released shortly.

1. Can the Commission give assurances that the new version will not pander yet again to wokeism?
2. More fundamentally, does it not think that keeping Helena Dalli in position greatly damages the reputation of the Commission and the entire EU?