



Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
The Chairwoman

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Mr Yves Mersch
Governor of the Luxembourg
Central Bank
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Subject: Public hearing before the ECON Committee on the appointment to the ECB Board

Dear Mr Mersch,

As you are aware the ECOFIN Council on 13 July 2012 adopted a recommendation to nominate you as a Member of the Board of the European Central Bank, succeeding Mr González-Páramo. In accordance with Article 283(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament must be consulted on the Council's recommendation.

After deliberations on the selection procedure, concerning in particular the fact that no female candidate appears to have been considered at any stage for the position, the Coordinators of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and I have decided to postpone the Public Hearing scheduled on 10 September 2012, to which you have already been invited.

I sincerely regret the short notice and the inconvenience that this postponement may cause. I will revert to you as soon as the follow-up in this procedure has been decided.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Bowles