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per email

## Gender in ECCP II

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Dear Mr. Dimas,

thank you for hosting the Stakeholder meeting on the European Climate Change Programme (ECCP II) in Brussels at October 24, 2005.

We participated in the Working Session ADAPTATION and recognised, that it is stated in the Draft Mandate for the Working Group, that the group's general objectives include "good practice in the development of adaptation policy". We believe that such good practice will have to include a gender perspective, more specifically a gender analysis of all adaptation policies under discussion.

10 sectors are listed to be addressed by the Working Group, among them several that quite obviously would benefit from gender analysis, such as National Strategies for Adaptation, Human Health, Urban and Regional Planning, and Development Cooperation.

In terms of topics, the Draft Mandate talks about climate change affecting EU citizens. Citizens are comprised of different social categories, such as age and ability, but most prominently gender. Impacts of climate change are gender specific in various aspects, such as health (eg elderly women more affected by heat waves), and caring work (women doing unpaid work looking after children and elderly who are more affected by weather events). These are just a few examples meant to illustrate the issues involved.

In the discussion in the session, participants seem to agree that several cross-cutting themes should be added to the agenda of the Working Group, among them gender. In order to ensure gender expertise input to the ECCP work on adaptation, we would like to suggest to include a gender expert in the Working Group, and we would be happy to serve on the group. Alternatively, we would suggest to first analyse the suggested Mandate closely, identifying areas where gender expertise would be beneficial, and subsequently draw gender experts into the work by commissioning input documents, commenting on draft outcome documents, and/or participating in relevant individual meetings.

We believe that the climate change debate as a whole is woefully inadequate in terms of gender issues – and that the area of adaption may be the one most suited to begin including gender aspects of climate change in debate and policy making.

We kindly ask you to support our recommendations concerning the Working Group IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION, but also to care for an adequate gender balance in the other Working Groups and to mainstream gender considerations wherever relevant. We would of course be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ulrike Roehr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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