



## LOBBY EUROPEEN DES FEMMES EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY

Brussels, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009

To Juan Behrend, Secretary General of the European Green Party

Dear Secretary General,

**RE: EWL previous communication of 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2008 on candidates' lists for the 2009 European elections and women's equal representation**

I am writing to you again in the context of the European Women's Lobby (EWL) 50/50 Campaign for Democracy to follow up on our letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2008, regarding questions about the European Green Party's measures to ensure gender equality with regards to the upcoming European election; please find this letter enclosed for your convenience.

We have not yet received an answer from you on our inquiries. However, we would like to inform our member organizations about the actions of different political parties in relation to the candidate lists for the 2009 European Elections and women's equal representation. We will include the letters sent to the European parties on our Campaign website, <http://www.5050democracy.eu/>, as well as the answers received.

I would also like to inform you that in the coming months, we will be working on a "Gender Audit" of political parties and candidate lists in view of the European elections. The aim of the Audit will be to assess the political parties' commitment to gender equality in terms of women's presence on the candidate list and of the program. The audit will provide a tool for us to encourage voters to be involved in European politics and to vote for political parties which have equality between women and men as a priority.

**I would therefore kindly like to ask you to send us the candidate lists and political programs of all your member parties when they are available.** We are grateful for the support that we have already received from the ranks of the Greens/EFA group, and we very much hope that you will personally endorse the Campaign by filling the enclosed form that we have included anew, and that the European Green Party would declare its support for the campaign.

Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation and looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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