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Statement on the postponement of EU Commission vote

As many other European NGOs, the European Humanist Federation (EHF) supports the judicious decision of European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso to postpone the vote by the European Parliament on his Commission.

As Europeans, we deserve commissioners that are fair, just and capable of administering the law in a manner that advances the public good. We strongly object to the appointment of Dr. Rocco Buttiglione as Commissioner of Freedom, Security and Justice. Dr. Buttiglione is not qualified to defend and promote human rights for all persons because of his discriminatory and offensive positions on women, gays and lesbians.

EHF acknowledges and thanks Members of the European Parliament who stood firm in their defence of human rights in the EU and their opposition to the appointment of Dr. Buttiglione.

EHF expects Mr. Barroso to present a new slate of commissioners who will ensure that the human rights of all persons are respected and upheld.

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