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Press release

Rejection of the candidature of Rocco Buttiglione

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The European Humanist Federation (EHF), representing humanist organisations in Europe, is indignant at the most intolerant way in which European Commissioner Designate Rocco Buttiglione has talked about immigration, homosexuality and the role of women in the family.

The European Commissioner Designate, during his hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament, has, once again, shown much intolerance and a considerable lack of openness and respect for others.

EHF considers that his fundamentalist moral positions do not allow this Commissioner Designate to hold the position of "Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security" which requires much impartiality in judgment and much more tolerance.

EHF congratulates the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament for having cast a negative vote with regard to the designation of Rocco Buttiglione.

EHF asks President Barroso to proceed to replace Rocco Buttiglione, and if not, urges the European Parliament to oppose his nomination.