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Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Communication

Committee of Ministers

1. Letter from the Chairperson of the Ministers' Deputies to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, dated 30 April 2015

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I have the honour of transmitting to you Resolution CM/Res(2015)6 on the appointment to the post of Deputy Secretary General, that the Committee of Ministers adopted on 29 April 2015, further to the Joint Committee meeting of 22 April 2015.

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(signed) Dirk Van Eeckhout

2. Resolution CM/Res(2015)6 on the appointment to the post of Deputy Secretary General
(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 29 April 2015 at the 1226th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 36.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Having regard to the Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General,

Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Assembly having the rank of Deputy Secretary General;

Having examined the candidature submitted by the Government of Italy;

Having interviewed the candidate personally;

Having consulted the representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly through the medium of the Joint Committee on 22 April 2015,

Decides to submit to the Parliamentary Assembly, for appointment to the post of Deputy Secretary General, with effect from 1 September 2015, the following candidature, with the name of the nominating government in brackets:

- Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni (Italy).

3. Candidature of Ms Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI

3.1. Letter from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Chairperson of the Ministers' Deputies, dated 18 February 2015

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In accordance with the Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, I hereby forward to you the letter from the Italian authorities proposing the candidature of Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni for a second mandate as Deputy Secretary General.

Furthermore, I confirm that I have been consulted beforehand about this proposal and given my assent.

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(signed) Thorbjørn Jagland

3.2. Letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, dated 26 January 2015

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In accordance with the Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Assembly, I have the pleasure to inform you that Italy proposes the candidature of Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni for a second mandate as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

During her current mandate, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni has demonstrated to have all the required qualifications to fulfil her role, consistent with the framework for the post as established by the Committee of Ministers.

The first term in office has allowed Mrs Battaini-Dragoni to show her expertise in the internal management of the Council of Europe, making the most of her long and cross-sectorial background as a senior official within the same Organization.

I am confident that the personal and professional skills and commitment of Mrs Battaini-Dragoni would continue to serve the mission of the Council of Europe at the highest standards.

Furthermore, her possible re-appointment would help to preserve an appropriate balance in terms of geographical and gender representation within the top management of the Organization, in line with the values and standards of the Council of Europe.

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(signed) Paolo Gentiloni

GABRIELLA BATTAINI-DRAGONI**DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL****EDUCATION**

- 1976 Bachelor of Arts (*Laurea*) in Foreign Languages and Literature (English, American, French), University of Venice (Ca' Foscari), Italy
- 1975 University Diploma, Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales, University of Nice, France

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Since Sept 2012 Deputy Secretary General
- Oct 2011 – Aug 2012 Director General of Programmes (Strategic orientation of the intergovernmental activities of the Council of Europe, supervision of their implementation in both Headquarters and Field missions, responsible for the overall resource mobilisation of the Organisation)
- 2004 – Sept 2011 Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Council of Europe
- Council of Europe Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue (since 2005), responsible for the preparation of the White Paper of the Council of Europe on Intercultural Dialogue "Living together as equals in dignity"
- Council of Europe Coordinator for the Campaign against Discrimination (since 2008)
- 2001 Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe
- 1998 Director, Directorate of Social Affairs and Health, Council of Europe
- 1994 Head of Service, Research and Planning Unit, Council of Europe
- 1991 Head of Service, Directorate of Education, Culture and Sport, Council of Europe
- 1981 Administrator, Directorate of Social Affairs and Health, Council of Europe
- 1976 Educational Adviser, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe
- 1973 Departmental Assistant, Department of Economic Geography, University of Venice, Ca' Foscari

Date of Birth: 13 August 1950 – Nationality: Italian – Married, 3 children

DISTINCTIONS

- Grande Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana by decree of the President of the Italian Republic
- Ordine Agata, given by the Republic of San Marino
- Premio Internazionale alla Libertà given by the Società Libera

PUBLICATIONS

- Speaking across borders: the role of higher education in furthering intercultural dialogue, Council of Europe Higher Education series No 16, 2010
- Intercultural dialogue and human rights, Sinergy Magazine, The European Law Students' Association, 2, 2008
- Intercultural dialogue: a pan-European Challenge in 2008 and beyond, Europa Nostra, 1, 2008
- Intercultural Dialogue and human rights: a road-map for living together as equals in dignity, ENARGy, European Network against Racism, October 2008
- "Promoting equity through Social Cohesion: the Council of Europe's Strategy" in: *World Bank's World Development Report (WDR), Berlin Workshop Series: Equity and Development*, 2005
- "The Distinctive Role of the Council of Europe in Migration Management: The case of the Euro-Mediterranean Region" in: *European Journal of Migration and Law*, vol. 4, 2003, pp. 491-497.
- "La Lutte Contre l'Exclusion par une Approche Fondée sur l'Accès aux Droits Sociaux" in: *Revue Franco-québécoise Santé, Société et Solidarité*, n° 3, Septembre 2003.
- "Global Standards: The European Experience", in: Katherine Marshall (ed.) *New Social Policy Agendas for Europe and Asia*, Washington, The World Bank, 2002, pp. 481-491
- "Social Inclusion and Social Change : Conditions for Peace and Prosperity in the South East Region" in: *The Road to Stability and Prosperity in South Eastern Europe – A regional Strategy Paper*, The World Bank, Washington, 2000, pp.82-93
- "Premiers pas vers la Cohésion Sociale" in: *Revue du Ministère des Affaires Sociales*, France, n. 94, June 1999, pp. 90-94

Biography

For the past two and a half years, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni has served as the Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General. She is the first person to have held the post under its revised mandate, which gives the role a strong operational remit. As such she has been responsible for implementing the concrete, day-to-day measures needed to support the Secretary General's far-reaching reform agenda, in line with the decisions and priorities of the Committee of Ministers.

With the aim of creating a Council of Europe that is more streamlined, focused on clearer priorities and which guarantees its member States better value for money, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni has worked hard to set the Programme and Budget on a rigorous and sustainable path. She has also introduced new checks to ensure that all spending is properly scrutinised and has successfully overseen reform of the contractual policy for staff to enable greater flexibility.

Before being elected Mrs Battaini-Dragoni held a number of positions within the Organisation. In each of these she has embraced innovation with one clear goal in mind: the strengthening of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

In 2011, at the request of the Secretary General, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was asked to set up the Directorate General of Programmes (ODG-PROG) – a major step in the internal reform of the Organisation. This enabled her to give a new strategic orientation to the intergovernmental activities, to implement the new policy of decentralisation to the field and to develop a dynamic overall extra-budgetary resource mobilisation.

Between 2004-2011, as Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni took the Council of Europe's work into new terrain by introducing programmes on democratic citizenship and human rights to schools, youth projects and other cultural spaces.

In the same period she served as the Council of Europe's Co-ordinator for Intercultural Dialogue, where she oversaw the delivery of the "White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue" – the first document of its kind at international level. The White Paper advocated the development of intercultural skills through formal and non-formal education and was launched at Ministerial level in 2008. It has been translated into sixteen languages, including Arabic and Hebrew, and its insights continue to inform the Council of Europe's work, not least in response to the current problems of radicalisation and violent extremism.

As the Director General of Social Cohesion between 2001-2004, Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was able to reorient the Organisation's work to place greater emphasis on social rights as a basis for inclusive and well-functioning societies. Publishing widely on this and related issues, she has been successful in promoting the efforts and achievements of the Organisation.

Mrs Battaini-Dragoni was also the first ever female Director General in the Council of Europe.

Today, the desire to boost the relevance of the Organisation and ensure better impact for its actions continues to guide her work. Mrs Battaini-Dragoni's aim is to help deliver a Council of Europe that can be an effective partner to its member States and improve the lives of their citizens. It is in this spirit that she presents herself for re-election.