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COVER NOTE

from:	Mr H.G.J. KAMP, Minister for Economic Affairs of the Netherlands
received on:	11 January 2013
to:	Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	European Economic and Social Committee
	- Letter from the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands - nomination of a member (NL)

Delegations will find attached a translation a letter¹ dated 10 December 2012 from Mr H.G.J. KAMP, Minister for Economic Affairs of the Netherlands.

¹ with reference 12365351.

LETTER FROM THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Hague, 10 December 2012

Dear Mr Corsepius,

Twelve Dutch members have been appointed members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the current term of office (October 2010 to October 2014). The CNV has stated that it wishes to terminate the membership of one of the members, Mr Meijer. On behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, I therefore propose Ms Bouwknecht for membership of the Committee for the remainder of the term of office:

Name:	M.I. Bouwknecht MSc
Profession:	Policy Advisor to the CNV trade union federation
Group:	Workers' Group
Professional address:	CNV Vakcentrale, Tiberdreef 4, 3561 GG Utrecht
Private address:	OMISSIS
Tel.:	OMISSIS
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Date of birth:	22 August 1985

I would ask you to make provision for Ms Bouwknecht to be appointed a member of the European Economic and Social Committee.

(s.) H. G. J. Kamp

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Curriculum vitae of Melanie Bouwknecht

Personal details

Name: M. (Melanie) I. Bouwknecht MSc
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Date of birth: 22 August 1985
Driving licence: B

Professional experience

2009 to present **Policy advisor**
CNV, Utrecht

Responsibilities: drawing up policy for European policy dossiers, inter alia in consultation with the affiliated trade unions, coordination, drafting policy memoranda, giving presentations and representing the CNV at (inter)national consultations of the Netherlands Social and Economic Council (SER), inter alia. Member of SER committees which issued the following reports:

- Making sustainable growth work (2010)
- Own-account workers in the Netherlands (2010)
- More chemistry between green and growth (2010)
- Regional population decline and economic viability (2011)
- Time and society (2011).

2008-2009 **Junior consultant**
KPMG, Amstelveen

Responsibilities: contributed to various projects including projects at a telecommunications firm and at government level. Also set up PUUR, a network for young people which promotes sustainable policies within KPMG.

2006-7 **Stagiaire consultancy**
Mex-It, Amsterdam

Responsibilities: setting up training courses, making statistical analyses and writing reports, all on the subject of intercultural issues.

2002-2008 Various secondary jobs in various locations including order acceptor in the investment department of Rabobank.

Education

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- 2008 **Minor in entrepreneurial studies**
University of Amsterdam
Courses: "Strategic Management" and "Cases in Entrepreneurship". Practical assignment: work with three students in setting up their own undertaking, in which she was responsible for financial affairs.
- 2006-2007 **Master in organisational psychology**
University of Utrecht
Thesis: Influence of team functioning on work-related health in culturally diverse and homogeneous teams.
- 2003-2006 **Bachelor in psychology**
University of Utrecht
Research: Influence on team functioning of methods for implementing organisational change.
- 1997-2003 Pre-university education, profile: Nature and Health
Het Assink, Haaksbergen

Secondary activities

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- 2011 to present **Coach**
Responsibilities: coaching students in setting up local socially responsible, profit-making projects with regard to assuming social responsibilities.
- 2006-2011 **Board member**
CNV Jongeren, Utrecht
Member of the ten-member board. Responsibilities: drawing up policy, reacting to topical events and working on projects as a volunteer.
- 2007-2008 **Full-time member of the First Careers Day Board of the University of Utrecht, 2008**
University of Utrecht, Utrecht
Member of the three-member board. Responsibilities: organising training courses and workshops for over 400 students, communication and promotional and entrepreneurial activities including a business plan competition.
- 2008 **Game reserve management volunteer**
Struwig Eco Reserve, South Africa
Responsibilities included park maintenance, observing animals and accompanying tourists. Also received training in game reserve management.
- 2005-2006 Various kinds of volunteer work
Inter alia: international fair trade benefit evening, promotional work for the millennium goals and set dresser for a film by Wim Eggink.

Interests and additional information

Training and courses

- 2011 Bureau Zuidema. Training: Insight into influence
- 2010 Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership Europe. Masterclass in leadership
- 2009 KPMG. Training: Sales skills
- 2009: KPMG Training: Advisory skills
- 2008 University of Utrecht. Option: Managing conflict and mediation
- 2007 James Boswell Instituut. Course: Upper-Intermediate English

Skills

Computer: Microsoft Office and SPSS
Languages: Dutch excellent
English very good
German good

Hobbies and interests

Keeping fit, theatre/acting/improvisation, reading about recent developments in the field of the labour market, management and psychology.
