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Mrs Mary Papadopoulou, President  
Cyprus Federation of Business and Professional Women

*Dear Mary,*

**Re: Promotion of gender equality through award criteria in public procurement competitions**

In response to the BPW Cyprus initiative regarding the above-mentioned subject, and further to our earlier correspondence, I am informing you that the Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus, as the Competent Authority for Public Procurement, has issued a relevant Circular (Γ/ΑΑΔΣ 101 dated 30 June 2017, par. 23, page 9) to the contracting authorities and contracting entities of the Republic of Cyprus.

The above mentioned Circular provides that the contracting authorities and contracting entities may give preference through scoring award criteria to companies participating in the public procurement procedures, which have been certified by the National Certification Authority for the implementation of good practices regarding gender equality in the workplace.

It is further noted that, as mentioned in the Circular, in order for such a provision in tender documents to be in compliance with the legislation governing public procurement procedures, the formulation and weighting of such provision may not have a disproportionate and restrictive effect on competition.

Respectfully,

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Accountant General of the Republic of Cyprus

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