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#### OECD - CONFERENCE ON GENDER EQUALITY IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

# THE PROS AND CONS OF QUOTAS

## 4th May 2010 (Paris)

CAPITOLINA DÍAZ MARTINEZ DG for Equality in Employment MINISTRY FOR EQUALITY (Spain)



### **QUOTAS SYSTEM IN SPAIN:**

### REASONING

- Affirmative action to break the GLASS CEILING in managerial positions (public and private entities) according to the gender mainstreaming and empowerment principles (mandates of the Beijing UN Conference and Platform for Action, 1995).

- Spanish temporary measure to eradicate discrimination and stereotypes: at political/economic/labour fields.
- Following previous debate at UE Court of Justice: Kalanke Case (17th Oct.1995) / Marshall Case (11th Nov.1997)



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## WOMEN PARTICIPATION AT THE SPANISH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

•1981-1982: UCD. Minister for Culture, Soledad Becerril.

- •1988: PSOE 2 women ministers.
- •1988 2003: PSOE / PP increase nº women ministers.

PSOE:

•2004: first balanced Government, 50%.

•2008: first Government with more women ministers (52,9%) than men.

## Previous PSOE Gov. (2004)

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Spanish WOMEN MINISTERS (2010): 9 out of 17

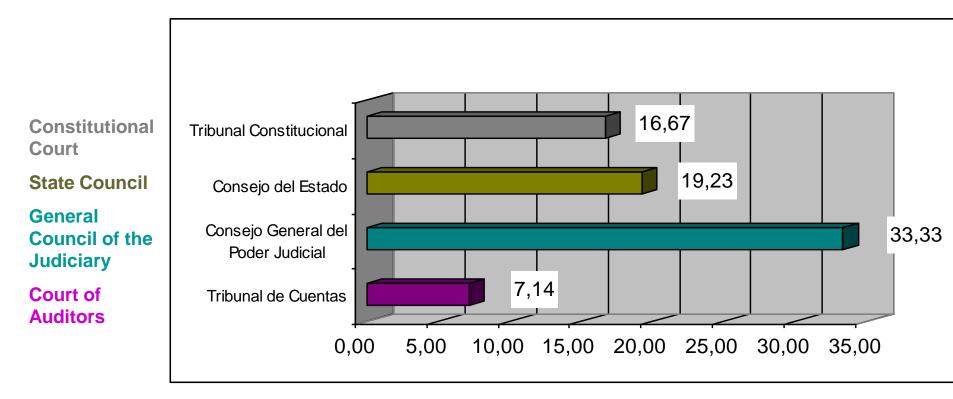
- **1. First Vicepresident**
- 2. Second Vicepresident + Economy & Finance
- 3. Science and Innovation
  - 4. Defense
  - 5. Equality
  - 6. Health and Social Affairs
  - 7. Environment, Rural, Marine Affairs
  - 8. Housing
  - 9. Culture





#### WOMEN PARTICIPATION AT CONSTITUTIONALS INSTITUTIONS

2009





#### **SPANISH LEGAL FRAMEWORK:**

- Council of Ministers Agreement 4th March 2005, with 54 measures to foster equality between women and men in the Public Administration: balanced composition on experts committees, commissions, civil service boards, etc.

- CNMV's (Spanish stock exchange watchdog) Code of Good Governance Recommendations for Listed Companies: proposals on gender diversity.

As in Norway, not only for ethical-political considerations, but also to meet efficiency targets: it makes little sense to waste the potential and talent of at least 50% of the population.

- Constitutional Act 2007 for effective equality between women and men: **balanced representation (40-60% either sex)** 

- Strategic Plan for Equal Opportunities (2008-2011)



## 2007 Equality Act:

- The lists of candidates for national, municipal, island council and Canary Island Council <u>elections</u> under the provisions of this Act, as well as for European Parliament and regional legislative assembly elections, must have a balanced presence of women and men, <u>with each of the sexes accounting for at least forty per cent</u> of the total number of candidates on the list. When the number of positions to be filled is under 5, the number of women and men will be as close as possible to numeric balance.
- The regional laws governing the electoral systems for regional legislative assembly elections may establish measures favouring a greater presence of women in the lists of candidates submitted for such elections.



# Spanish Constitutional Court Sentence on Quotas: STC 12/2008, 29th Jan.

- Balanced presence principle does not discriminate neither the masculine nor the femenine sex: the proportion is the same both for women and men.

- The measure is not based on a majority/minority rule, as would happen if taken into account other elements of diversity (such as race or age).

-Reasoned under the "sex" criterium, that divides any society in two numerically balanced groups.



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## WOMEN PARTICIPATION AT THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT

## COMPARING 1982 - 2008

ELECTORAL PERIOD	<u>Congress</u>	<u>Senate</u>
1982-1986	5,87 %	4,51 %
2008-2012	36,29 %	28,24 %



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#### **MUJERES EN EL PARLAMENTO**

#### CONGRESO

#### Al construirse la Cámara

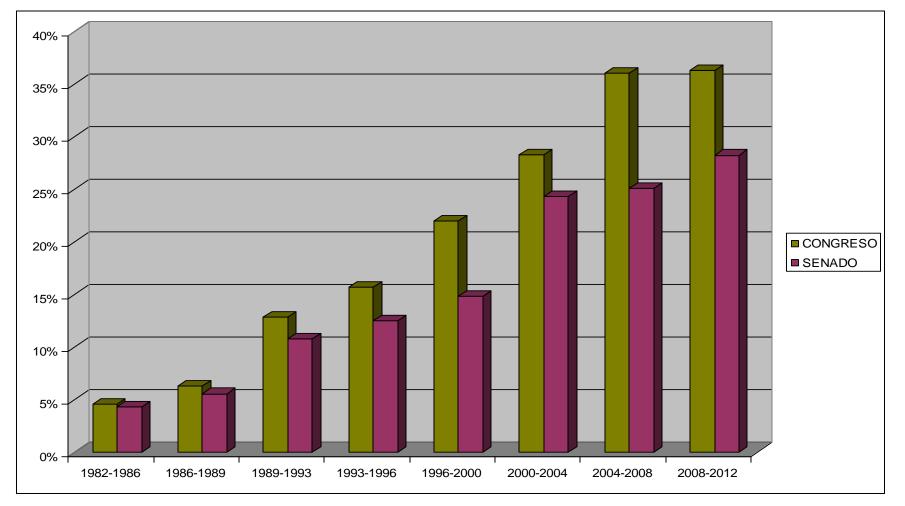
#### Durante toda la legislatura'

Legislatura	Número diputadas/os	Número mujeres	% Mujeres	Número diputadas/os	Número mujeres	% Mujeres
1982-1986	350	16	4,57	392	23	5,87
1986-1989	350	22	6,29	394	33	8,38
1989-1993	350	45	12,86	389	54	13,88
1993-1996	350	55	15,71	407	65	15,97
1996-2000	350	77	22,00	409	98	23,96
2000-2004	350	99	28,29	416	132	31,73
2004-2008	350	126	36,00	399	146	36,59
2008-2012	350	127	36,29	-	-	-



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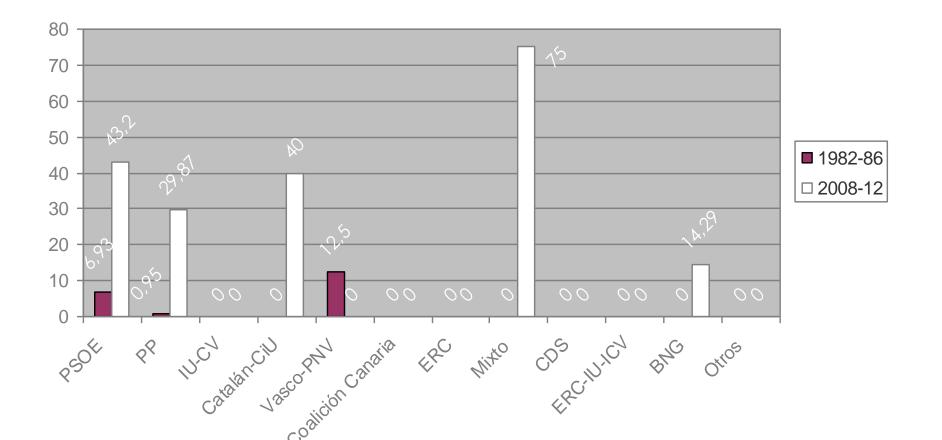




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## WOMEN PARTICIPATION AT THE SPANISH CONGRESS (BY POLITICAL PARTY)

MUJERES EN EL CONGRESO POR GRUPO PARLAMENTARIO

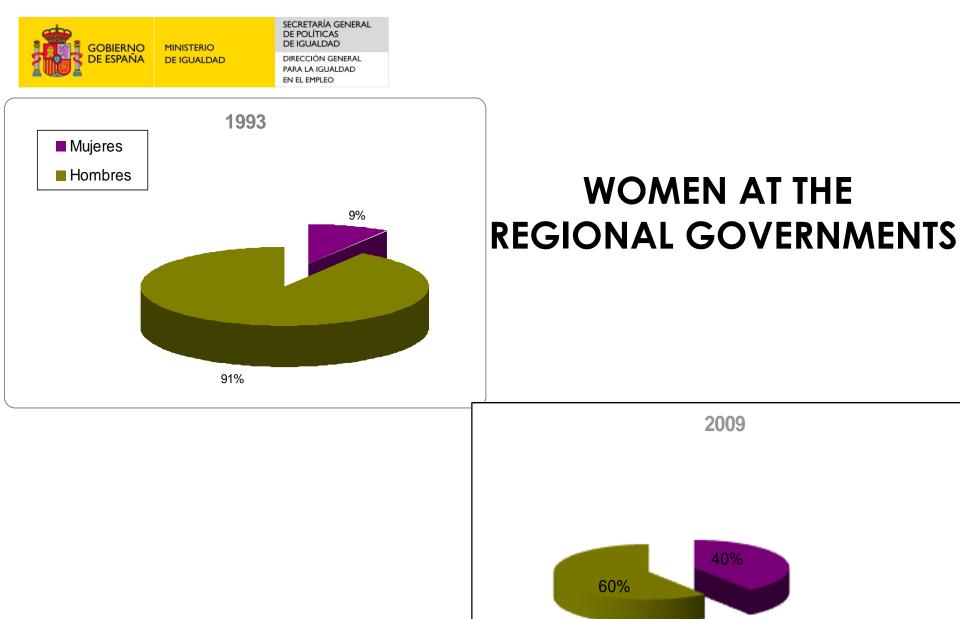




# REGIONAL LEGISLATIVES PARLIAMENTS AT THE 17 AUTONOMOUS REGIONS

- 1983: 5,6% women
- At present: <u>41,7%</u>

• Comparing 2003 and 2007 regional elections: <u>9</u> have already reached the <u>40%</u> requested by Law and none with less than <u>36% women</u>.



Mujeres

Hombres

FUENTE: Elaboración propia a partir de Datos del Fichero de Altos Cargos, F.I.C.E.S.A.



#### WOMEN AT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

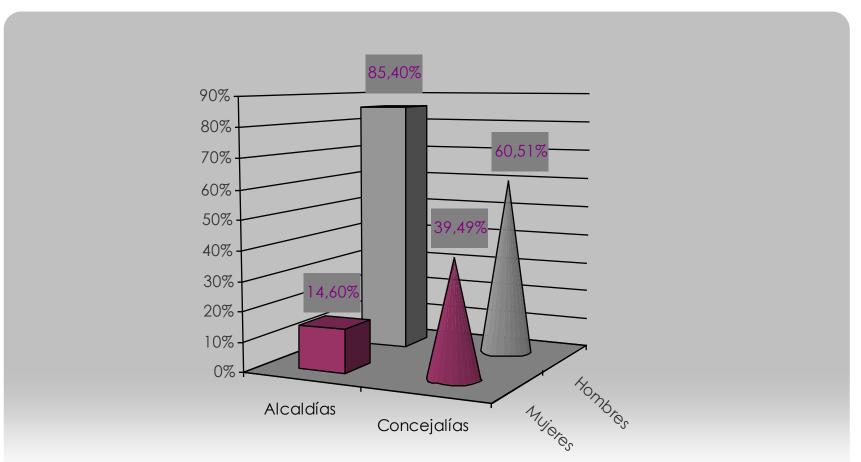
- •1983: <u>2% she-mayors</u>.
- At present: <u>14,60 %</u>

 Comparing 2003 and 2007 elections in +5,000 population Town Halls: increase in the number of she-councillors more than 7 points, reaching 39,49% at national level.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: WOMEN MAYORS AND COUNCILLORS

2003 - 2007





#### **UE DATA. REPORT**

"Equality Between Women and Men - 2009"

- Average n<sup>o</sup> women in national parliaments in 2008: 28%, only 1% more than in 2004 (but more than 35% in Spain, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands; over 40% in Finland and Sweden)
- Percentage of ministers in national governments: increased from 22% in 2005 to 26% in 2008.
- Women on average almost **1/3 of managers of EU business**, though in most countries the % is lower.
- Female presence on the boards of the largest companies: on average women only represent 11% of appointments at this level across the EU.

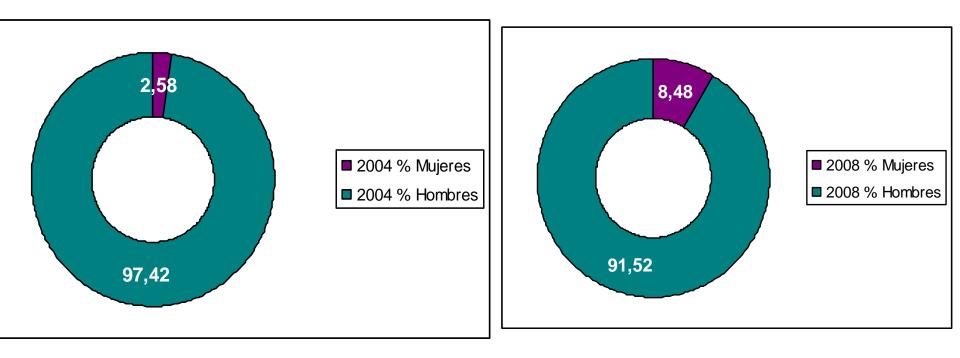


# Article 75 Equality Act 2007. Women's participation in mercantile companies' boards of directors

- Listed companies will endeavour to include a sufficient number of women on their boards of directors to reach a balanced presence of women and men within 8 years of the entry into effect of this Act.
- The provisions of the preceding paragraph will be taken into account when making appointments on the occasion of the finalization of the terms of directors designated prior to the entry into force of this Act.



#### WOMEN AT LISTED ENTERPRISES BOARDS – Selected IBEX 35 (both councillors & Presidents)



Fuente: Datos recogidos de la CNMV



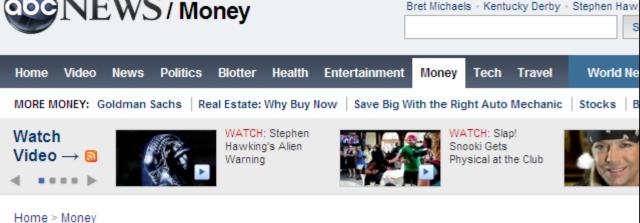
#### Women advisers in large Spanish companies (2004-2009)

Public / Private enterprises		2004	2009	2009/04
		% women	% women	% increase
		advisers	advisers	incrodoc
Public		19%	24,2%	23,3
	Private companies with public participation (below 50%)	5,3%	9,2%	73,6
Private	IBEX-35 (Stock Exchange)	3,0%	9,1%	203,3
	Mercado continuo (Stock Exchange)	2,7%	7,4%	174,1

Source: DG for Equality in Employment. Ministery of Equality with official data.







HOT TOPICS:

#### Deutsche Telekom Introduces Women's Quota

Germany's Deutsche Telekom to introduce guota for women in senior management

By GEIR MOUL SON Associated Press Writer

The Associated Press Post a Comment

BERLIN March 15, 2010 (AP)

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Germany's Deutsche Telekom AG on Monday said it will introduce a guota for female managers. with a target to fill 30 percent of upper and middle management jobs with women by the end of 2015.

That would compare with only 13 percent in 2008, the company said. Deutsche Telekom said it would be the first on Germany's 30-strong DAX index of blue-chip stocks to introduce such a quota.

"It is a matter of social fairness and a categorical necessity for our success," chief executive Rene Obermann said. He argued that "having a greater number of women at the top will quite simply enable us to operate better."



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#### ¿Dónde están las mujeres?









#### CONSTITUCIÓN ESPAÑOLA

"Todos los ciudadanos tienen derecho a acceder en condicones de igualdad a las funciones y cargos públicos, con los requisitos que señalen las leyes." Art. 23 2

"Corresponde a los poderes páblicos promover las condiciones para que la libertad y la igualdad del individuo y de los grupos en que se integra sean reales y efectivas; remover los obstáculos que impidan o dificulten su plenitud y facilitar la participación de todos los ciudadanos en la vida política, económica, cultural y social"



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#### **QUOTAS SYSTEM IN SPAIN**

## "Remember that whoever sits at the table makes the decisions and these are the people who control the lives of the rest"

**SOURCE**: Hon. Linda Tarr-Whelan, speaker at the National School of Government's International Women's Conference 2008, Demos Distinguished Senior Fellow, Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.



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