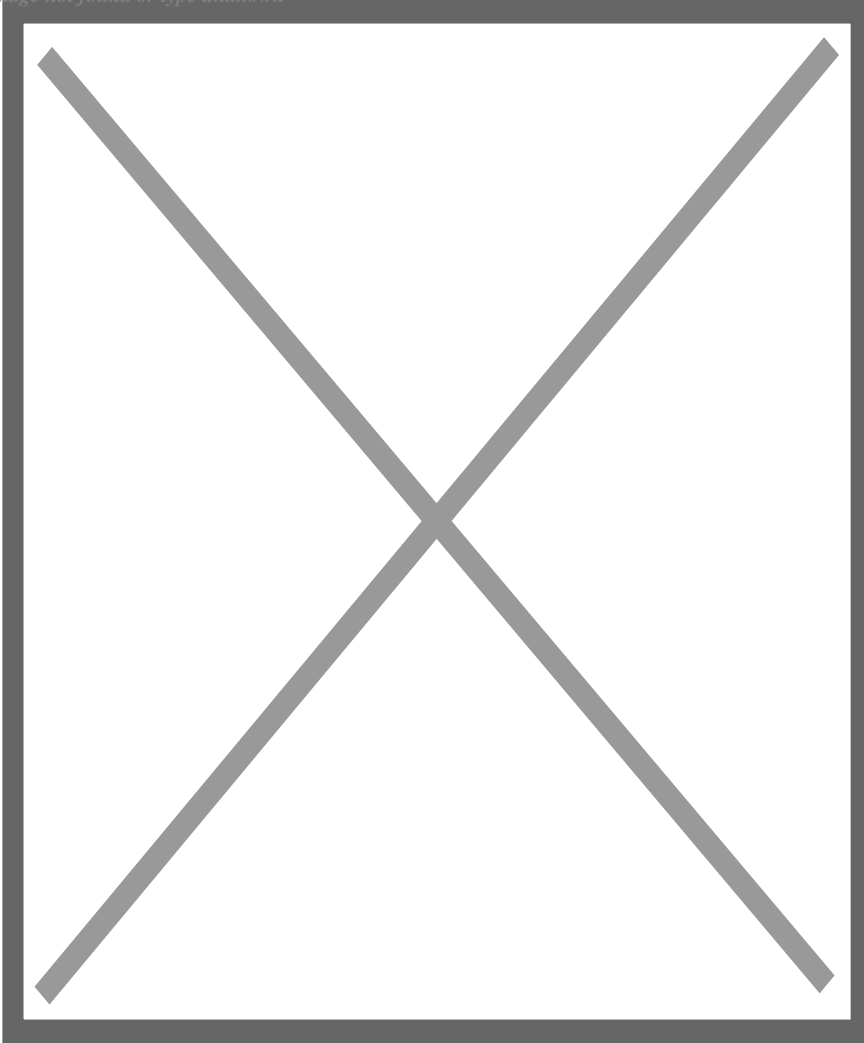


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Spain's Economy Minister Nadia Calvino told reporters in Madrid: "It establishes a target of 40% female participation in public and private management and decision-making bodies with a realistic timetable. ... On the political level, electoral candidacies must have an equal composition of men and women by alternate lists. And finally, it is stipulated that the Spanish government must also be governed by the principle of a balanced presence of women and men."

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