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Swiss citizens throughout the world

According to latest figures, 514,883 Swiss Abroad are registered to vote at Swiss diplomatic posts throughout the world.

(These data are provided by the Service for the Swiss Abroad at the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs and were valid as of the end of June 1994. The figures relate to consular areas, which sometimes cover more than one country.)



Recent initiatives

Popular initiative for fair representation of women in the federal authorities.

It is often difficult to find out exactly what lies behind the title of an initiative. From

this issue on, we shall be describing briefly one popular initiative still open for signature each time.

After the Federal Council election of March 3, 1993 (in which Christiane Brunner

was not elected), a committee was set up which is mostly made up of "progressive" women. Its aim is to increase the proportion of women in the federal authorities through a popular initiative.

The main points of the initiative are as follows:

- The difference between men and women in cantonal representations in the National Council should be not more than one.
- The two seats of each canton in the Council of States should be attributed to one man and one woman. (This

would not apply to half-cantons).

- The Federal Council should have at least three woman members.
 - The Federal Supreme Court should have at least 40% of woman members.
- ANP

Current popular initiatives

The following popular initiatives are still open for signature:

For fair representation of women in the federal authorities – until March 21, 1995
Jacqueline Gottschalk, P.O. Box 632, CH-3000 Berne 25.

For rewarding energy saving and against energy waste (energy-environment initiative) – until March 28, 1995
Gallus Cadonau, P.O. Box 2272, CH-8033 Zurich.

For a 'solar centime' (solar initiative) – until March 28, 1995
Gallus Cadonau, P.O. Box 2272, CH-8033 Zurich.