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**Note to the Members of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee**

**Mr Michel Petite**

**Mr Terry Wynn**

**Mr. Rafael García-Valdecasas**

**Subject: Post-office occupations envisaged by Mr Günter Verheugen**

Please find enclosed Mr Günter Verheugen's letter of 29 of April 2010 to me as well as the four fiches on his planned post office occupations. I would like to request the Ad hoc Ethical Committee's opinion on the compatibility of these functions with the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.

Mr Verheugen did not provide information on the expected remunerations corresponding to his new assignments. It is worthy to note that information on the expected remuneration is compulsory on an annual basis for former Commissioners who are entitled to a transitional allowance (which is not the case for Mr Verheugen, who is already retired).

I remain at the committee's disposal, should you need further information.

Kind regards,

Hubert Szałaszewski

Cc: Mrs Day

Encl: 5 (letter + 4 fiches)

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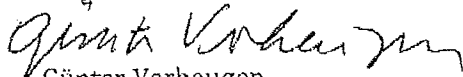
Your fax from April 15 2010  
Dear Mr. Sztaszewski

Thank you very much for your letter from April 15 2010. According to Art. 1.1.1. of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners I wish to inform you about the following

1. I will work as a political adviser for the Bundesverband der Deutschen Volksbanken and Raiffeisenbanken BVR (this is the federation of cooperative banks in Germany). The BVR is not operating as a bank; it is the political representation of some 1200 local cooperative banks in Germany. My role will not include lobbying of any kind.
2. I will work as a senior adviser/ Vice Chairman for the Royal Bank of Scotland, Niederlassung Deutschland. My role there is strictly advisory and does not include executive functions. In particular it does not include lobbying of any kind.
3. I have joined the international advisory board (IAB) of the US company FleishmanHillard International Communications. Again it is a strictly advisory role and excludes lobbying of any kind.
4. I am considering accepting the offer of TOBB (Union of chambers and commodity exchanges of Turkey) to advise the President of the organisation on international and bilateral Turkish German business relations.

All the above-mentioned activities do/ will have not the nature of an employment. They are not related to the content of portfolios, which I held during my 2 terms as a member of the European Commission.

Yours sincerely

  
Günter Verheugen

**REQUEST FOR OPINION**  
**BY THE AD-HOC ETHICAL COMMITTEE**  
**4 May 2010**

Name of the (former) Commissioner	Mr Günter Verheugen, Vice-President Entreprise and Industry
Date of the letter sent to the Commission	29.04.2010
Proposed post/occupation	Political adviser
Name of the "employer"	Bundesverband der Deutschen Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken (BVR – Federation of German cooperative banks)
Additional information	Mr Verheugen underlines that the BVR is not operating as a bank; it is the political representation of some 1200 local cooperative banks in Germany. Mr Verheugen's role will not include lobbying of any kind.  <a href="http://www.bvr.de/public.nsf/index.html?ReadForm">http://www.bvr.de/public.nsf/index.html?ReadForm</a>
Deadline	The Committee is kindly requested to deliver its opinion about the compatibility of the proposed occupation with the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.

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**4 May 2010**

Name of the (former) Commissioner	Mr Günter Verheugen, Vice-President Entreprise and Industry
Date of the letter sent to the Commission	29.04.2010
Proposed post/occupation	Senior Adviser / Vice Chairman
Name of the "employer"	Royal Bank of Scotland (German branch)
Additional information	Mr Verheugen underlines that his role will be strictly advisory and will not include executive functions. In particular, it will not include lobbying of any kind.  <a href="http://www.rbs.com/about-rbs/g1/group-structure.ashx">http://www.rbs.com/about-rbs/g1/group-structure.ashx</a>
Deadline	The Committee is kindly requested to deliver its opinion about the compatibility of the proposed occupation with the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.

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Name of the (former) Commissioner	Mr Günter Verheugen, Vice-President Entreprise and Industry
Date of the letter sent to the Commission	29.04.2010
Proposed post/occupation	Member of the International Advisory Board
Name of the "employer"	Fleishman Hillard International Communications (US company)
Additional information	Mr Verheugen underlines that his role is strictly advisory and excludes lobbying of any kind.  <a href="http://fleishmanhillard.com/">http://fleishmanhillard.com/</a>  <i>(à noter : M. David Byrne, ancien Membre de la Commission, est un membre du Advisory Board de la société en question)</i>
Deadline	The Committee is kindly requested to deliver its opinion about the compatibility of the proposed occupation with the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.

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**4 May 2010**

Name of the (former) Commissioner	Mr Günter Verheugen, Vice-President Entreprise and Industry
Date of the letter sent to the Commission	29.04.2010
Proposed post/occupation	<u>Possible</u> role of advisor of the President of TOBB, to advise on international and bilateral Turkish German business relations.
Name of the "employer"	Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
Additional information	<a href="http://www.tobb.org.tr/eng/organizasyon/organizasyon.php">http://www.tobb.org.tr/eng/organizasyon/organizasyon.php</a>
Deadline	The Committee is kindly requested to deliver its opinion about the compatibility of the proposed occupation with the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.