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Dear Mr. Verheugen,

The Ad-hoc Ethical Committee has informed today the Commission, that in order to issue their opinion, they will need some additional information. I realize that you wish this procedure to be rapidly over, so I take the liberty to forward to you the questions directly, as they came.

- Fleischmann Hillard Communications: What is the exact function of the International Advisory Board? Are there any possible points of connection with Mr. Verheugen's previous activities as Commissioner?
- Royal Bank of Scotland: What function will Mr. Verheugen exactly exercise with RBS Deutschland? What kind of advice is expected? Will Mr. Verheugen sit on one of the organs of the Company?
- Bundesverband der Deutschen Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken: What will the function of "political adviser" consist of? Will Mr. Verheugen sit on one of the organs of the BVR?
- Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB): Would Mr. Verheugen sit on one of the organs of the Union?

Finally, Mr. Verheugen mentions that these activities "will not have the nature of an employment". Does this mean that he will work as an independent? Could he provide clarification on the type of contractual relationship which will be involved?

Hopefully, with this information, the Committee will be in the position to deliver its opinion so that the Commission can take a decision.

Yours sincerely,

Hubert Sztaszewski

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