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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 activities of Mr Verheugen

As agreed during the meeting of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee held on 4 January 2010, I am pleased to inform the Committee that the Commission, at its meeting held on 6 July 2010, decided that Mr Verheugen's post-office activities mentioned in his letter of 29 April 2010 are compatible with the Code of Conduct for Commissioners and in conformity with article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The Commission's decision was based on your Committee's opinion delivered on 28 June 2010 and on its own assessment that Mr Verheugen's post-office occupations, such as described by Mr Verheugen in his letters of 29 April and 3 June 2010, do not entail any risk of conflict of interests with regard to his former responsibilities as Vice-President of the Commission in charge of Enterprise and Industry.

The Commission took into account that the scope of the four entities in which Mr Verheugen will be active do not directly fall within the remit of DG ENTR, that Mr Verheugen explicitly excluded any type of lobby or direct involvement in business activities and decided that Mr Verheugen's post occupations will not infringe his duty to behave with integrity and discretion.

Kind regards,

Hubert Szałaszewski

Cc: Ms Day, Secretary General