



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

The Secretary General

Annex 1

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Mr Günter Verheugen

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Dear Mr Verheugen,

The Commission has been informed via several press articles of the creation of The European Experience, a consultancy company offering services to public and private bodies (<http://www.european-experience.de/english>). This appears to be a new activity, not included in the notifications made by you so far, and for which the Commission has issued a positive decision in July. The Commission Spokespersons' Service has already been asked to clarify the Commission's position on the compatibility of this activity.

I would like to draw your attention to the need to inform in good time the Commission of any professional activities you consider undertaking before 9 February 2011. This is to permit the Commission to assess the compatibility of such activities with your obligations under the Code of Conduct for Commissioners and to enable the Commission to consider their compatibility with article 245(2) of the TFUE.

As far as Dr. Erler's involvement in the consultancy is concerned, DG HR, responsible for the application of the Staff Regulations, is liaising with her directly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information you might need for preparing the notification of this activity.

Yours sincerely,

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