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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 Prof. Günter VERHEUGEN (European Experience Company GmbH (EEC) – new company covering European and international policy matters)**

Please find here attached a letter sent to Mr. Verheugen and his reply to the Secretary General on Wednesday 1 September 2010, concerning his activities as non executive director of a new company that he has co-founded.

Mr. Verheugen did not inform the Commission earlier as he considered that this does not constitute an occupation, but an investment.

The question of the obligation to notify such activity is resolved by the communication received from Mr. Verheugen and, following the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, the Commission will now have to adopt a Decision on whether the planned occupation is compatible with the last paragraph of Article 245 (2) of the TFEU.

In agreement with the Secretary General it has been decided to request the opinion of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee in order to assess whether the planned occupation is compatible.

Please let me know if further information would be necessary.

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