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## **European Commission**

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Your fax from November 11, 2010 No SG/ B4 DCB Ares 2010

Dear Catherine,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of November, 11 2010 referring to my role as non-executive director of the European Experience Company GmBH (EEC). I would like to make use of your kind offer to get back to you.

First of all, however, I want to stress my full commitment and my full respect of the Code of Conduct. Therefore I have only accepted occupations that were approved by the Commission and I will continue to seek the Commission's approval before accepting new occupations.

I want also to clarify that the EEC does not employ me. Consequently I get no income from it. The operations of the company, which require my personal engagement, are already fully covered by the decisions, which the Commission has already taken. There are no further activities on my side that go beyond my role as an advisor for the institutions and companies mentioned in the Decision of the Commission.

Moreover, if I would consider in the future any new and paid activity, I would of course ask the Commission for clearance according to the rules of the Code of Conduct.

My role as non-executive director of the EEC is honorary and limited to internal decision making like major investments, staffing and reporting to the tax authorities (in accordance with German Company law). I am not involved in the commercial operations of the company. For me it is an investment, since I am a shareholder.

Being a non-executive director without any kind of compensation does not constitute a gainful activity in the sense of the Code of Conduct and therefore I continue to be of the opinion that the Code of Conduct does not apply in this case. I stand of course ready for further information.

Yours sincerely

Gint Vohlingen