SUTTON Michelle (CAB-BARROSO)

From:

SUTTON Michelle (CAB-BARROSO)

Sent:

Monday 15 October 2012 12:56

To: Subject:

Scotland

For your information. We came under pressure on the above in the press room today and have clarified our line as follows:

"It is not the role of the Commission to express a position on questions of internal organisation related to the constitutional arrangements in the Member States.

Concerning certain scenarios such as the separation of one part of a Member State or the creation of a new State, these would not be neutral as regards the EU Treaties. The Commission would express its opinion on the legal consequences under EU law, on request from a Member State detailing a precise scenario."

Michelle

Michelle Sutton

Member of Cabinet of President Barroso



European Commission

Tel: +32 2 296 0239 Fax: +32 2 292 1503 Email:michelle.sutton@ec.europa.eu

Mail/courrier: BERL 13/122, 1049 Brussels Belgium Visitors: Berlaymont building, Rond-point Schuman