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The Secretary General

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NOTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC ETHICAL COMMITTEE

Mr Terry Wynn

Mr Michel Petite

Mr Rafael Garcia-Valdecasas

Subject: Revised Code of Conduct for Commissioners

Further to the transmission of the revised Code and comments received from Michel Petite, I confirm that the Code has immediate effect and binds the current Members of the Commission. It has already been published on the webpage covering the most relevant information concerning the College: http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/pdf/code_conduct_en.pdf

A new Commission Decision will be adopted in due time to update Decision C(2003) 3750 creating the Ad hoc Ethical Committee, in accordance with point 2.3 of the revised Code of Conduct. In line with Commission's commitments vis-à-vis the European Parliament in the context of the preparation of the revised Code, the Commission might take this occasion to decide on the principle of the Committee's enlargement from three to five members.

I take this opportunity to convey President Barroso's gratitude and appreciation for the valuable work carried out by the Ad hoc Ethical Committee, under the chairmanship of Michel Petite, in assessing the envisaged post-office activities of the former Members of the Barroso I Commission.

I also note that Terry Wynn holds the chairmanship of your committee for 2011 and I am pleased to offer the assistance of the Secretariat-General to support your work under the revisited remit of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee.

Best regards
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