STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FROM [PRESIDENT/MEMBER] OF NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH A VIEW TO THE APPOINTMENT OF [NAME OF PERSON] AS A SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

This form offers two alternatives: please complete EITHER Option A OR Option B and delete the one that does not apply.

A/ I, the undersigned, [President/Member of the Commission or Chef de cabinet], hereby confirm that, on the basis of the declaration of activities and the sworn statement declaring that there is no conflict of interest presented by [Mr/Ms name of Special Adviser], and with regard to the tasks he/she will perform, there is no conflict of interest between his/her future duties as special adviser and his/her outside activities.

Comments:

Mrs Tocci is well aware of her rights and in particular of the obligations that the function of Special Adviser entails as she has accepted and signed the declaration on the honour of no conflict of interest between the duties of Special adviser to the Commission and other activities.

Furthermore, in my capacity of Head of cabinet of the HR/VP, I confirm that the tasks she will be entrusted to (namely: HR/VP outreach to think tanks and coordination of work on a new European Security Strategy) cannot have any influence on the Commission decision concerning the funding of the Istituto Affari Internazionali.

B/ I, the undersigned, [President/Member of the Commission or Chef de cabinet], hereby declare that, notwithstanding the declaration of activities and the sworn statement declaring that there is no conflict of interest presented by [Mr/Ms name of Special Adviser], there may be a potential risk for the Commission’s good name (please specify):

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However, [the President/Member] is willing to accept this potential risk and also considers it to be acceptable for the Commission as a whole. He/she therefore wishes to proceed with the offer of a contract to [Mr/Ms name of Special Adviser]. Please give any information regarding possibilities for [the President/Member] of reducing this risk of potential conflict of interest, whether real or apparent:

Please date and sign your declaration:

Brussels,
30.04.2015

Signature:

[Signature]

Cabinet of HR/VP, the Head of Cabinet