

M. Patrick Child
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Dear Patrick:

As I told you in person and after consultations with the High Representative, Executive Secretary General Pierre Vimont, Chief Operating Officer David O'Sullivan and Managing director Hughes Mingarelli, I would like to confirm to you that I wish to resign from my function of Special Envoy in the EEAS by the end of this month.

The reason is that an American Law Firm has invited me to become their Senior European Policy Advisor. The Firm, Covington and Burling, wants me to develop their Brussels practice by working for them 100 days a year (2 days a week) in a consultancy capacity. They wish to announce this in the course of next week.

Even if I will remain free to develop other non conflicting activities the rest of the time, this is not compatible with my contract of employment with the EEAS.

The issue I was asked to deal with - the evacuation of Camp Ashraf - is on the right track and is close to be solved. There is therefore, in my opinion, no longer the need to have a senior official deal with it in a special capacity. However, it would be useful to maintain a certain number of high level contacts for a certain time. This could be done by the EEAS but If the High Representative wants me to continue these contacts for a few months, I would certainly agree to do so, in whatever capacity you consider feasible.

I wish to thank warmly the High Representative and the EEAS for having given me the opportunity of working with you. It was a very enriching experience and I have much appreciated the quality of the people I have been working with. I will obviously prepare a final report of my mission and transmit all documents, list of contacts and relevant information to the EEAS staff responsible.

With my best regards,



Jean De Ruyt
Special Envoy