



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

LEGAL SERVICE

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NOTE TO DAVID O'SULLIVAN, ESQ. SECRETARY GENERAL

Subject: Creation of an Advisory Group on Standards in Public Life

Reference : Inter service Consultation dated 18 October 2000 SG (2000) D/545263 - [REDACTED]

1. The Legal Service can give a favourable opinion on the draft Inter-Institutional Agreement which seeks to establish an "Advisory Group on Standards in Public Life".
2. It is suggested, however, that Article 2 be re redrafted as follows in order to make the text clearer and more comprehensible :

"The task of the Group shall be to provide advice on ethical standards relating to the functioning of the Parties. Advice shall be given on general principles of ethical behaviour following a request from a Party.

Each Party may request an opinion from the Group on ethical standards in respect of general matters which relate to its own activities. The advice of the Group shall not concern matters relating to named or identifiable individuals.

The Party seeking advice from the Group shall set a time limit within which the Opinion shall be given."

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c.c.: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SG