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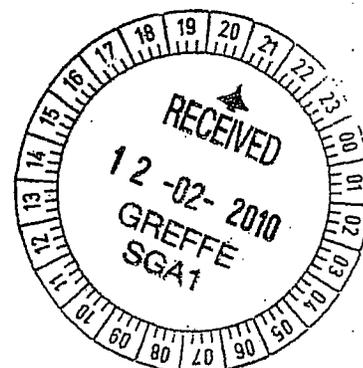
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**TEXTE EN**ACTIVITES APRES CESSATION DE FONCTION  
DE MME FERRERO-WALDNER

Communication de M. le PRESIDENT



Cette question est inscrite à l'ordre du jour de la 1905<sup>ème</sup> réunion de la Commission le 17 février 2010.

Destinataires : Membres de la Commission  
Directeurs généraux et chefs de service

## MEMORANDUM FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE COMMISSION

According to Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, members of the Commission, when taking up their duties, shall give a solemn undertaking that, both during and after their term of office, they will respect the obligations arising therefrom and, in particular, their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits.

Further to this Treaty provision, the Code of Conduct for Commissioners adopted on 24 November 2004 (SEC (2004) 1487/2) enacted a specific procedure for the assessment of the activities to be performed by former Commissioners. Under the Code, when Commissioners intend to engage in an occupation during the year after they have ceased to hold office, whether at the end of their term or upon resignation, they shall inform the Commission in good time. The Commission shall, then, examine the nature of the planned occupation and if the activity is related to the content of the Commissioner's portfolio during his or her full term of office, it shall seek the opinion of an *ad hoc* ethical committee.

In her letter dated 26 January 2010, Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner informed the Commission that she had been invited for a non-remunerated position as member of the Council of Advisors of the Spanish Fundación Principe de Girona, which is involved in promoting education opportunities for disadvantaged young people.

The competent services of the Commission examined the above referred occupation and concluded that the Fundación Principe de Girona is a non-profit making body and that Mrs Ferrero-Waldner's role will purely be of an advisory nature. They also noted that the scope of this foundation is not related to Mrs Ferrero-Waldner's previous responsibilities within the Commission.

A preliminary orientation was given to Mrs Ferrero-Waldner's Head of Cabinet on 3 February 2010, considering that Mrs Ferrero-Waldner's envisaged occupation as member of the Council of Advisors of the Fundación Principe de Girona is compatible with Article 245(2) of the TFEU. The Commission is at present requested to confirm this view.