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## Subject: Appointment of Dr. Stoiber as Special Adviser

Dear Ms Stoczkiewicz,

I acknowledge receipt of your note of 25 May 2015 in which you raise different questions concerning the procedure applied for the appointment of Dr. Stoiber as Special Adviser to President Juncker.

Although the appointment was announced on 18 December 2014, it was only on 4 March 2015 that the administrative procedure was completed. In accordance with the first paragraph of point 6 of the Commission Rules on Special Advisers (C(2007) 6655), Dr. Stoiber was appointed by a decision by the College of Commissioners on 4 March 2015 (PV(2015) 2118). Dr. Stoiber was appointed as non-remunerated Special Adviser, with a maximum of 40 days of work for the period from 5 March 2015 to 31 March 2016.

The documents which were sent to Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO) in reply to a request for access to documents and which you refer to in your note were thus established well before the College decision on the appointment of the Special Advisers. The relevant procedures were fully complied with, including the examination of possible conflicts of interest.

Therefore, there is no reason to reconsider the final outcome of the assessment of possible conflicts of interest. Concerning the measures taken in order to avoid risks of conflict of interest, I refer to the explanations that were given to CEO by Ms Souka, Director-General of the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security, in her note of 16 February 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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