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The President



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To Commissioner J. Hahn
European Commission

Dear Commissioner,

I greatly appreciated the opportunity that you gave us for the meeting in your office on 15th March last where we had a most interesting and constructive discussion.

The European agenda, in the context of your new portfolio concerning budget prospects and human resources issues were key parts of our exchanges. We expressed our satisfaction at having as "our Commissioner" someone with a such a huge experience and knowledge of the house. Our point on the European Public Service was a main issue upon which we offered our contribution in view of the further studies to be undertaken.

At that time, when the Coronavirus was on the point of becoming a real threat, - a matter on which you informed us of the perspectives and on-going preparatory works - we could hardly imagine how the dreadful extent to which the COVID 19 would afflict us all, particularly when the current European agenda had been so full of expectations.

Now, in the new situation, we give you our firm backing, encouraging you to take heart in facing such an extraordinary crisis where your responsibilities in the Commission will certainly be most demanding.

We, as former "veterans" of the Administration's machinery, have experienced how Europe has overcome different crises in the past and how European civil servants have been up to the challenges: I am sure that the Commission will again be proud of its staff in these exceptionally testing circumstances.

With regard to our partnership with the Directorate General for Human Resources, apart from the good understanding and fruitful experience which we enjoy, we should underline the remarkable efforts and efficient work of your services in the current situation vis-à-vis the retired staff and namely with the AIACE.

I wish, dear Commissioner, at this extraordinary time, to reiterate our sincere gratitude, -which I beg you to convey to our colleagues of DG HR and PMO- and send you our fullest support and consideration, wishing you all the courage and success in your job, in the firm belief, as I have also transmitted to the President von der Leyen, that the Commission, once again, will be heading the efforts to overcome this crisis.

Yours sincerely,

with my warmest wishes,


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