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Dear Mrs Mewies,

**Subject: European and External Affairs Committee Report - Interim Report of Inquiry into the Future of Cohesion Policy: your letter dated 9th December 2009**

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the European and External Affairs Committee's interim report on the future of cohesion policy. I have read this interim report with interest, taking note in particular of the wide consultation which has been undertaken to support the work and also of the report's findings, which provide a valuable and timely contribution to the ongoing discussions on the future.

I wish you success with the ongoing work on this report. I look forward to receiving the final version in due course and to seeing you at the seminar on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 where the findings will be presented and discussed.

for the Director General absent,  
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