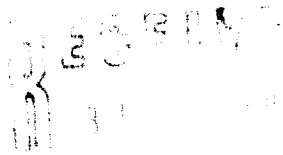


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Dear Mr Morgan,

Thank you very much for your letter and the accompanying Second Interim Report of Inquiry into the Future of Cohesion Policy from the National Assembly of Wales' European and External Affairs Committee. I find your comments very useful.

I fully share your positive evaluation of the role of the European Social Fund. In the current economic context and given today's unusually high unemployment rates, the European Employment Strategy needs to be effective and to set its sights high.

Several options, including the advantages and disadvantages of a more independent European Social Fund, are currently being considered. The Budget Review which the Commission will present this autumn will fully reflect this discussion.

Both the Member States and the European Parliament will play an important role in the debate.

Yours sincerely,

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