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Brussels,

Mr Bernard ZEPTER International President AIACE SC-29 02/04

Dear President,

President Jean-Claude Juncker acknowledges receipt of your letter of 11 July. As the official responsible for relations with former officials, he has asked me to reply to you.

As you state, the President and Vice-President Georgieva, mindful of the sense of uncertainty and anxiety caused by the outcome of the referendum of 23 June, were eager to quickly address themselves British colleagues and former colleagues to assure them of their support in a spirit of mutual loyalty.

It is clear that many concerns relating to pensioners can be tackled only when the situation will be clarified, in other words when the negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union will be well advanced, if not finalised. At this stage however, the United Kingdom has not notified its intention to withdraw in accordance with Article 50 of the Union Treaty, which is a prerequisite for the launch of this process.

Although many questions remain unanswered at this stage, different channels – formal and informal – are already in place to ensure that, in the course of the developments, British staff and retired staff resident in the United Kingdom may obtain the support and assistance that President Juncker has promised.

I can also assure you that the association of which you are President and which represents all retired staff will be kept informed of developments.

Ľ Yours faithfully

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