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**International Association of Former Staff of the European Union**

*11.000 members – open to former employees of the EU institutions and bodies*

**The President**

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Mr Jean Claude JUNCKER  
President of the European Commission  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels

Dear President,

As President of AIACE International I write (in full accord with AIACE's UK Section) on behalf of pensioners of the EU institutions who live in the UK, very many of whom are AIACE members.

We wish to thank you for the message which you sent to all serving staff (and to as many pensioners as was possible) about the consequences of the result of the UK referendum. We are also aware of Vice-President Georgieva's supportive approach, as expressed in her open meeting with officials. We much appreciated the fact that the Commission moved so fast to show that it was aware of the uncertainty created for UK nationals, and that you wished to assure them of the Commission's reciprocal loyalty to them.

I know that you have also in mind the situation of pensioners of the EU institutions who live in the UK (many of other nationalities than British). The concept you describe of reciprocal loyalty applies also to them. During their service in the institutions each played her or his part in seeking to carry forward the construction of Europe. At the end of their service they rely on the rights to which they contributed during their careers (and, for the medical insurance, contribute still). We are confident that you will make sure that the rights and expectations of pensioners of the EU institutions who live in the UK are recognised and continued in appropriate ways, both through negotiation with the UK authorities (tax will probably be the main issue) and through the way in which the Staff Regulations are applied in administering the EU's own arrangements.

AIACE UK and AIACE International are preparing some detailed information which we will send to your services shortly about the issues which arise.

With our thanks and our best wishes

Bernhard ZEPTER  
(signed)

c.c : Mrs K. Georgieva – Vice-president  
Mr R. Hay (Chair AIACE UK)

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