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Dear Honourable Member, *me vane,*

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2016 concerning the article published by "Público" regarding former President Barroso's links with Goldman Sachs.

As you are certainly aware, the Commission held on 22 November 2016 a debate on the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, inter alia in the light of the activities taken up by former President Barroso at Goldman Sachs. The Commission supported my proposal to extend the "cooling-off" period for former Commissioners. I proposed to increase it from 18 months to three years in the case of former Presidents and to two years for other Members of the College. On 23 November 2016, I wrote to the President of the European Parliament to inform him about the Commission's intention on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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