

The President

Ms Ana Gomes  
Member of the European Parliament  
ASP 14G205  
LOW T08039

D 317680 12.10.2016

Dear Ms Gomes,

*Dear Ana,*

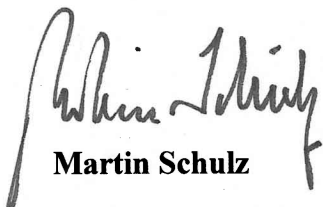
Thank you for your letter of 26 September regarding new elements concerning alleged contacts between José Manuel Barroso - then President of the European Commission - and Goldman Sachs.

I read with attention these elements and, while I am not in a position to comment on the documents mentioned, I would like to stress that I was shocked to hear that former President Barroso was joining Goldman Sachs.

European citizens may expect exemplary behaviour from their leaders, whether they are in office or not. I raised this point several times with President Juncker and the issue was also discussed in the Conference of Presidents.

I very much welcomed the debate last week in plenary on *Avoiding conflicts of interest of past and present Commissioners* and am confident that the European Parliament will continue to play to the full its role in bringing transparency on this issue, helping change behaviours and also, hopefully, law.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Martin Schulz**

*JS*