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Der Präsident

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Dear Ambassador,

I cannot but express my utmost dissatisfaction with your letter of 23 May replying to my letters dated 6 March to the Permanent Representations of the various Member States.

The reason for my request was to ensure an informed and well-balanced decision-making process which would allow Parliament and Council to reach a fair and positive agreement on the reform of the Staff Regulations.

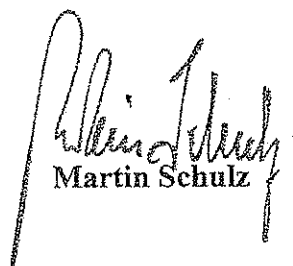
I addressed a personal letter to all Permanent Representatives in their own language and what I received in reply is the series of disaggregated data relating to national civil servants that you sent me.

I am personally astonished at the lack of transparency and institutional respect that you and your colleagues have shown and I find it very worrying that you should be so anxious to hide information about your salaries and your working conditions which should in fact be publicly available. As a civil servant from a Member State that rightly prides itself on its transparency and openness, you ought to be ashamed of yourself.

You will agree with me that the remuneration and allowances granted to staff working in the Permanent Representations of Member States are not the same as those granted to national civil servants. EU officials cannot be compared to national civil servants and, if this is the case, the only civil servants to whom they can reasonably be compared are precisely those working at the Permanent Representations, like yourself.

I would therefore ask you, once again, to provide the information requested in order that Parliament and the Council may reach an agreement on the Staff Regulations in the full knowledge of the relevant facts. I am forwarding this letter to each of the Permanent Representatives and ask them to regard it as a formal request for information pursuant to the principles of transparency and of sincere cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Martin Schulz