



30 April 2013

Request for a meeting of the Consultation Committee (CoCo)

Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS
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Subject: request for a meeting of the Consultation Committee (CoCo) on the draft Council position on the review of the Staff Regulations

Dear Sir,

In your capacity of Chair of the Consultation Committee and in accordance with point I 3) of the Council Decision of 23 June 1981 establishing a tripartite consultation procedure concerning relations with staff we kindly ask you to convene a meeting of said committee as soon as possible and, at any rate, before the Coreper meeting of 8 May at which Coreper is supposed to adopt the Council position for the upcoming dialogue with the Parliament and the Commission on the review of the Staff Regulations.

This CoCo meeting would be justified even if there were no special circumstances involved. However, in this case, the draft negotiating mandate goes far beyond what was provided for in the Commission proposal for a review of the Staff Regulations of December 2011 which, by the way, the trade unions never accepted. It even goes far beyond the exhaustive list of measures reproduced in the conclusions of the European Council of 7 and 8 February 2013 which already contained one very heavy additional measure, namely a salary freeze for two years. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that trade union representatives representing all Institutions be given the opportunity of presenting their positions and of voicing their concerns directly to the representatives of Member States. The Consultation Committee is the only place where they can do so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP Soyer', written over a light blue circular stamp.

JP Soyer, Secretary general

G. Vlandas
Chairman