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Inge Gräßle (EPP/Germany):

Support for the Ombudswoman's advice to the Commission concerning Michèl Petite

“The Commission took the right decision in appointing a new member to the Ad Hoc Ethical Committee after the previous head handed in his resignation. Although it took a while, this shows that the European Institutions are on the right path. Having done so, the Commission is not prone anymore to the allegation of maladministration. I very much welcome this.”, commented MEP Dr Inge Gräßle, spokeswoman of the EPP in the Budgetary Control Committee.

„I fully support the Ombudswoman, Emily O'Reilly, for her advice to the Commission to replace the head of the Commission's AdHoc Ethical Committee Michèl Petite following the complaint of three NGOs about the alleged conflict of interest concerning the previous head. The decision will give the European Institution more credibility and integrity, especially in the situation that several Commissioners are set to leave the Commission at the end of their term after the Elections in 2014.”, said Inge Gräßle. “Having regard to this and previous decision of the Ombudswoman, I am utmost happy that she takes her job seriously.”

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