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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of July 18th in which you put forward the need to modify and adjust the MoU, and to organize a meeting next July 29th for this purpose.

In reply, I would like to express my surprise as to this proposal and inform you that I shall not be attending this meeting.

I would remind you that the project for a European professional card was launched under the impetus of Michel Barnier, the Commissioner, on April 30th 2010, on request from Luciano Magnani, President of the Italian representation at a meeting chaired by Richard Walter, President of the Austrian representation and attended by representatives of the United Kingdom.

Following a long process of exchanges and consultations between our different countries, carried out with assistance from the European Commission, we succeeded in formalising a preliminary agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), on an experimental basis, in February 2012 (6th and 24th).

I would like to stress the fact that this process enabled all the parties involved to express any requirements they may have had concerning modifications to the memorandum. For example, this was the case for the German representation where solutions were found by working closely together.

After applying the memorandum for two seasons, it is evident that the concept, which has not been subject to any contentious procedures, has been stabilized to the satisfaction of all and, moreover, it has given new member countries the possibility of adhering.

Today, we can affirm that the experimentation phase has validated all the constructive work we have made, and that the MoU is an adequate, satisfactory basis for launching the next step presented at our last meeting in Brussels, i.e. finalizing a delegated act.

On the other hand, in all logic any re-examination of the principles of the MoU today would entail the need for launching a new assessment period in the context of an experimental approach.

The consequences of any new approach of this type would be to delay the progress we have made towards a delegated act and I can easily imagine that this process is very likely never to see the light of day.

Should this be the case, which I earnestly hope will not be so, on behalf of France, I will request for the exemption granted to it by the European Commission under definitive terms on July 25th, 2000 to be strictly applied.

In the hope that wisdom will prevail,

Yours Faithfully,

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