

**Question for written answer E-006651/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Appointment of José Manuel Barroso at Goldman Sachs

In July 2016, the former President of the Commission (2004-2014), José Manuel Barroso, was appointed as the non-executive chairman of Goldman Sachs International – the international branch of the American bank which was heavily involved in the subprime and Greek crises.

Even the French President has spoken out about Mr Barroso's new position, deeming it 'morally unacceptable'.

Does the Commission feel that the appointment of its former president at Goldman Sachs is compatible with EU principles?

Will it ask Mr Barroso for an explanation?

Will it open an investigation into the Barroso Commission to determine whether it gave any form of preferential treatment to the Goldman Sachs Group?