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to the Commission

Subject: Top salaries of Commission officials

At the beginning of 2007 it became clear that as a result of the latest salary increase, some officials at the Commission are now earning more than € 200 000. That is more than Chancellor Merkel of Germany earns, and yet the Commission is a European public service!

Ought there not to be a ceiling on salaries? An appropriate figure might be the average salary of heads of government in the European Union, or a percentage of the salary of a European Commissioner. Such a limit could also help to increase the confidence of EU citizens. Not money but the public interest of citizens is the main concern.

Where are the salaries of the Commission President, Mr Barroso, and the other Commissioners published? And if they are not published, why not?