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Subject: German as a working language of the European External Action Service

German is the language with the most native speakers in the European Union. It is an official language of five Member States and one of the most important foreign languages studied within the EU.

This fact should be reflected within the future European External Action Service.

In view of the importance of German within the EU, will the High Representative of the Union and Vice-President of the Commission make a commitment to ensure that German is a working language of the European External Action Service?

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