

Question for written answer E-007745/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Retirement of Mr Barroso

Revelations concerning former Commission members continue to unfold at the start of this new political session.

It has been disclosed that Mr Barroso, who has barely commenced his new employment at Goldman Sachs, simultaneously receives a comfortable pension of EUR 7 000 per month from the Commission. Instead of waiting until the age of 65 years to receive a monthly EUR 10 000, Mr Barroso has chosen the 'fast option' and asked to receive his pension as early as possible.

1. Could the Commission specify what the arrangements regarding the retirement of former Commissioners are?
2. Does the Commission consider it morally acceptable for an employee of Goldman Sachs to simultaneously receive a pension of EUR 7 000 from European government funds?
3. Does the Commission intend to draw lessons from this morally unacceptable situation when it revises the code of conduct and regulations for Commissioners?