

Brussels, 3 March 2020

Note to the attention of Mr Bernard Magenmann, Acting Director-General, DG HR

Subject: Coronavirus' communication policy and recommendations to EC Staff

Dear Mr. Bernard Magenmann,

We appreciate the useful information that HR is transmitting to the EC Staff since the beginning of the coronavirus crisis. We understand the complexity of the HR task in this area, which requires speed and the use of several languages while keeping the accuracy and usefulness of the information provided.

I would like to add one specific request to your efforts: EC HR should coordinate very closely its advice to the EC staff with the recommendations that other EU institutions such as the European Parliament and the Council are putting forward.

In other words, we should avoid any significant difference in terms of content of the advice or a perception of a stricter approach by the European Parliament or the Council in the protection of their staff. For instance, we are receiving input from colleagues who note that the European Parliament is much firmer in the recommendations concerning limitation of certain meetings, use of teleworking, and instructions not to come at all to the office when appropriate.

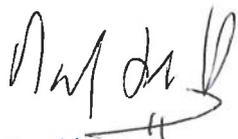
Additionally, we urge the competent services of the European Commission to make available alcohol rub dispensers and other hand-sanitizer gels in all common areas of the European Commission and per floor in all European Commission buildings as a matter of urgency.

Last but not least, we would like to receive information on whether your services are factoring in the special situation of the colleagues working in open spaces.

TAO-AFI and myself remain fully available to support your actions.

Yours sincerely,

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