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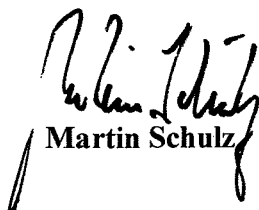
Dear President,

I recall that according to article 283 of the Treaty, the European Parliament has to be consulted for the appointment of the members of the European Central Bank Executive Board. The European Parliament consultation has been concluded by the plenary vote of 25 October 2012 and officially notified by way of letter to the Council on 5 November.

The written procedure you have launched in the meantime did not lead to the appointment of a new member of the ECB Executive Board.

I therefore reiterate my previous call to take into account the European Parliament rejection of the candidacy of Mr Yves Mersch. I consequently urge you to withdraw the Council recommendation to appoint Yves Mersch and to submit a new one to the Parliament as clearly requested in the European Parliament resolution.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Schulz