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in the European Parliament

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Dear Mr. President,

With great concern we have taken note of press articles, i.a. in Germany and Ireland, that concern allegations against Commissioner-designate Mrs. Rumiana Jeleva. We are aware that Mrs. Jeleva has already rejected all allegations and has also announced her intention to sue a German journalist for libel. However, given the gravity of the allegations and potential serious repercussions to the Union as a whole, we wish to ask you as the head of the Commission whether you have examined the allegations closely and whether you can give us assurances that neither Mrs Jeleva nor any of her family members is involved in – or linked to – any fraudulent or criminal activities or organisations.

Furthermore, some questions were raised concerning the privileges the GERB party – of which Mrs. Jeleva is a leading member – gave to members of the Communist nomenclature and the close relationship of Mrs. Jeleva with a former agent of the Communist State Security, who became her deputy minister.

I think you will agree with us that the new start of the Commission must not be burdened with any doubts on the potential involvement of a Commissioner or his/her spouse in non-legal or even only "doubtful" economic or political activities. Such doubts would undermine the credibility of the Commission, and of the EU as a whole at a very critical time.

We would be very grateful for your clarifications on the issue.

With best wishes for 2010

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