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**NOTE TO MR SIIM KALLAS
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Thank you very much for your letter of 30 October 2009 concerning the problem of academic failure in the European Schools, illustrated in particular by high repeat rates and low marks, especially in the French section (ref. D 526).

The Local Staff Committee Brussels has set up a working group to discuss and analyse further this issue. Its objective is to contribute to the debate and propose solutions for the short, medium and long term to alleviate this problem. In parallel to the request to organise an independent audit of the schools, the group is preparing a document for this purpose, which will be discussed in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, the group has analysed the recent study on repeat rates in the European Schools which was presented to the mixed teaching committee on 7 October 2009. Please find enclosed some comments and proposals on this study.

We hope that these proposals provide a useful feedback from the parents to be taken into consideration by the Commission in further discussions with the Board of Governors on this issue.

We remain, Dear Sir, yours sincerely,

Hans TORREKENS

Annex

- cc. Ms V. Manfredi (Cabinet of Vice-President Kallas)
Ms I. Souka, Director-General (DG ADMIN)
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