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Head of the Mediation Service

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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF

MR ATHANASIOS KATSOSGIANNIS, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL STAFF COMMITTEE

**Subject: 2020 General Activity Report of the Mediation Service of the Commission
Your Ares note (2022) 740804 – 01/02/2022**

Dear Mr Katsogiannis,

I refer to your note which follows my presentation of the 2020 Annual Activity Report to the Central Staff Committee.

I am glad to read that the Central Staff Committee fully supports the vision I presented for the Mediation Service and that I can count on your support in this respect.

I understand my presentation fuelled additional questions from the Committee, including it appears from members of the Harassment Watch Network. For your information, I have recently had the occasion to meet a representation of the Harassment Watch Network in a courtesy meeting.

Allow me to underline that we made indeed a number of deliberate editorial choices for the 2020 Annual Report so as to make it more accessible and telling for staff. Our objective was to clarify what the Service is here for and how we work in terms staff members can easily relate with. As well, as you know, 2020 was in many respects an unprecedented year. Some activities were stalled and consequently could not be accounted for in our Report.

We are actually finalising our 2021 Annual Report, which I hope to present to the Commission in May. I would be pleased to present it afterwards to the Central Staff Committee, and use this opportunity to answer any questions the Committee might still have about our Service and the way we work.

I hope this is useful.
Best regards

Flaminia Bussacchini