

Subject: Re: MEPS urged to evict business group from its parliamentary office
From: ceo@corporateeurope.org
Date: Thu, 27 Nov 2008 14:16:01 +0100
To: Fredrick R Hyde-Chambers <frhc@iabp.org>
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Dear Mr. Hyde-Chambers,

Thank you for sending us the statement. You state that our assertions about the EBPS are "ill informed and inaccurate". We have, however, replied in detail to your previous letter and explained very precisely and accurately what our concerns about the operations of the EBPS are:

http://www.worstlobby.eu/2008/uploads/WEULA_reply_to_EBPS.pdf

We would very much welcome your response to our concerns . In your new statement you write that "Mr Erik Wesselius of The Corporate Europe Observatory was invited to discuss with us." I have asked my colleague and he is not aware of any direct correspondence between him and you. Maybe you referred to a passage in your letter of 31 October 2008 to the organisers of the Worst EU Lobbying Awards (WEULA)? That letter was addressed to me and a response was posted on the WEULA website on November 7th.

In our response of 7 November, we expressed disappointment that - in contradiction with your lofty claims about transparency - you failed to mention that the EBPS' board of advisors has resigned. In your latest statement, you write that "Programmes for MEPs have been suspended, as is usual in any Parliament in the lead up to the election." This is hardly an accurate description of the situation. It is hard to imagine that you are unaware of the fact that European Parliament President Poettering in mid-November announced that "the Parliament's official participation in the scheme was in effect ended" in late September, when EBPS' advisory board of MEPs collectively resigned. Poettering moreover noted that "his own patronage of the international scheme (IABP) would also come to an end on 31 December 2008".

I would be grateful if you could confirm that the EBPS does no longer have any official status vis-a-vis the European Parliament. Your website is off line, but if you plan to get it on line again, we would expect you to update the information to reflect this reality.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier Hoedeman

on behalf of the organisers of the Worst EU Lobbying Awards 2008
(Corporate Europe Observatory, Friends of the Earth Europe, LobbyControl and Spinwatch)

Quoting Fredrick R Hyde-Chambers <frhc@iabp.org>:

Dear Mr. Hoedman,

As there is so much misinformation being pedaled about this organization we have issued the attached statement..

Yours sincerely

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