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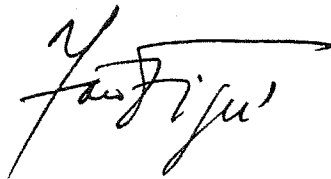
Brussels, 21 September 2009

Dear President,

Following my election as the Chairman of the Christian Democratic Movement in Slovakia on 19 September 2009, I have decided to take up my new duties on 1 October 2009 and hence to offer my resignation as Commissioner responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth with effect from 1 October 2009.

It was a great privilege and pleasure for me to work under your leadership for the last five years. I am grateful for the support you have always given me over these stirring years and wish you and all the other colleagues in the College every success in the challenges that lie ahead of us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Figel', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

*Mr. José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission*