

Permanent Representative of
the Kingdom of the Netherlands
to the European Union



Brussels, 12 February 2013

Mr President,

Please find enclosed today's letter to you from Mr Anders Borg, Minister for Finance of Sweden, Mr George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom and Mr Jeroen Dijsselbloem, Minister of Finance of the Kingdom of The Netherlands. With the letter they are sending you their Joint Statement on the discharge of the 2011 general budget of the European Union, while expressing their hope that the European Parliament will take the said Statement, alongside the Council's wider recommendations, into full account when deliberating on this year's discharge procedure. On the grounds explained in the Statement, Sweden, The United Kingdom and The Netherlands have voted today in the Council against the proposed discharge.

Please accept Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Pieter de Gooijer

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