

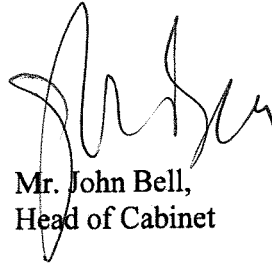
**DECLARATION OF ASSURANCE OF MEGLENA KUNEVA ON THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT  
OF INTEREST IN VIEW OF THE DESIGNATION OF MR. PAT COX AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO  
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**A/** I hereby confirm that, on the basis of the declarations on the absence of conflicts of interest and of activities of Mr. Pat Cox, Mrs Meglena Kuneva does not see a risk for a potential conflict of interest between the outside activities and the exercise of his duties as Special Adviser within the defined mandate.

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**Please date and sign your declaration:**

Brussels, 07/01/2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Bell', written over the printed name and title.

Mr. John Bell,  
Head of Cabinet

Signature: