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from: Mr Lazar COMANESCU, Permanent Representative of Romania to  
the European Union

dated: 30 October 2006

to: Mr Javier Solana, Secretary-General/High Representative

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Subject : Nomination of Mr Leonard ORBAN as a member of the Commission

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Delegations will find attached a copy of the above letter.

*The Ambassador*

*No. 6160*

*Brussels, 30 October 2006*

***Dear Mr. Secretary General,***

*Following the letter sent to you on October 28, by Prime minister Calin Popescu- Tariceanu whereby you were informed of the withdrawal of Mr. Vosgian's candidacy, I would like to let you know that the Romanian Government nominated Mr. Leonard Orban for the post of member of the European Commission.*

*Please accept, dear Mr. Secretary General, the assurance of my highest consideration.*

***(s.) Lazar Comanescu***

***Mr. Javier Solana  
Secretary General  
EUROPEAN COUNCIL***

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Leonard ORBAN**

Date and place of birth: 28 June 1961 at Brasov, Romania

**Studies**

1987 – 1992                      Graduated in economics at the Faculty of Management, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest

1981 – 1986                      Graduated in engineering at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Brasov

Trainings and seminars on European Union affairs

**Main activities**

December 2004 -                      Secretary of State within the Ministry of European Integration coordinating Romania's preparation for accession to the European Union;

Starting with April 2005, coordinating Romania's positions on European Union Affairs;

Starting with June 2006, head of Romania's delegation for negotiating the accession to the European Economic Area.

December 2004 - April 2005                      Chief Negotiator with the European Union;

Main responsibilities:

Coordinating Romania's preparation for accession to the European Union;

Coordinating the drafting of Romania's Accession Treaty to the European Union.

May 2001 - December 2004	Deputy Chief Negotiator with the European Union; Main responsibility: Coordinating at technical level Romania's accession negotiations for all chapters of <i>acquis</i> .
1993 – 2001	Parliamentary counsellor on European and international affairs within the Romanian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies; Main responsibilities: Ensuring the technical expertise on European Union Affairs for the European Integration Committee of the Romanian Parliament; Starting with 1995, since the entering into force of Romania's Association Agreement with the European Union, technical secretary at the Joint Parliamentary Committee European Union - Romania; Responsible for the relations with the European Parliament; Starting with 1995, responsible for the relations with Conférence des organes spécialisés dans les affaires communautaires (COSAC); Until 1997, responsible for the relations with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.
1986 - 1993	Engineer - Institute of Research for Machine Manufacturing Technology Bucharest, Enterprise for Special Industrial Constructions Bucharest, Tractor Manufacturing Company Miercurea Ciuc.

### **Other**

- Coordinator of the elaboration of Romanian Post Accession Strategy for 2007-2013;
- Member of several governmental committees related to Romania's EU accession (European Integration Executive Committee; State Aid Committee, Committee for the Management of the EU Funds, Romanian Steel Sector Restructuring);
- Responsible for the internal communication on Romania's accession to the European Union;
- Member of the Romanian Social and Economic Council;
- Articles and analyses published in Romanian and foreign newspapers and magazines on European integration and European affairs since 2001;

- Guest speaker and key speaker at numerous international conferences, seminars and debates (Berlin, Brussels, London, Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava) on enlargement, accession negotiations and political economy;
- Language skills: Romanian (mother tongue), English (primary working language), French, Italian (passive);
- Special interests: Foreign policy, Classical music, Reading and Cinema;
- Awards: Knight of “*Steaua Romaniei*” National Order (Star of Romania) awarded in 2002 for the contribution to Romania’s Euro-Atlantic integration;
- Signer as Chief Negotiator with the European Union of the Accession Treaty of Romania to the European Union, 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2005, Luxembourg.