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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) The aim of the National Experts in Professional Training (NEPTs) programme is to raise awareness of European affairs among young national civil servants and provide them with an initial insight into the way the Commission works. This aim cannot be fulfilled as long as the Commission requires them to have acquired professional experience prior to training.
- (2) In view of the intention of the legislator, the eligibility conditions for the National Experts in Professional Training (NEPTs) programme need to be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision C(2008)6866 is amended as follows:

1. Article 29(2) of Decision C(2008)6866 is replaced by the following:
"2. The provisions of the first, second, third and fifth subparagraphs of Article 1(1), and paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of that Article shall apply by analogy to NEPTs."
2. Article 31(1) of Decision C(2008)6866 is replaced by the following:
"1. The provisions of Article 8 on knowledge of languages shall apply by analogy to NEPTs."

Article 2

1. This Decision shall enter into force on 1 February 2010.
2. With effect from that date it shall apply to:
 - NEPTs taking up duty;
 - NEPTs who are currently on secondment.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Director-General of DG HR.

Done at Brussels, 29.1.2010

For the Commission
Siim Kallas
Vice-President

