

ASOCIACIÓN DE PADRES DE ALUMNOS DE LAS ESCUELAS EUROPEAS
(APEEE) - SECCIÓN ESPAÑOLA

Mr Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President of the European Commission

Brussels, 16 July 2010

Dear Mr Maroš Šefčovič,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of our concern about the rules of admission into Spanish public universities for students leaving the European Schools with a European Baccalaureate certificate.

As you know, your predecessor in the post of Vice-president of Inter-institutional Relations and Administration, Mr Kallas, contacted the Spanish Government in July 2009 asking for explanations about these rules of admission, since they reduce the marks obtained by the students in the European Baccalaureate. The answer of the Spanish Government did not convince Mr Kallas, and so he asked the Secretary-General of the European Schools to prepare a report on the subject of the compatibility of these rules of admission with the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools.

Meanwhile, the Spanish Ministry of Education has published a new admission regulation in 2010 that does not take account of our previous requests, and makes the access to its universities even more difficult for pupils leaving the European Schools as it introduces a new scale of marks and new examinations. Therefore, we would request as a matter of urgency that the Secretary-General of the European Schools completes the report required by your predecessor, including a reference to the new regulation published this year.

We are confident that the conclusions of the report will take into account our concerns and points of view. We would, at the same time, urge you to continue to remind the Spanish Government to recognise and comply with the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools.

We would be happy to send you any additional information you may need, and to meet you or someone of your staff to clarify any points you may consider necessary, in order to protect the interests of the European Schools pupils in the light of the position taken by the Spanish Government.

Yours sincerely,



Francisco Guirao

For the representatives of parents of pupils of the Spanish sections of the European Schools of Alicante, Brussels I, Brussels III and Luxembourg, and parents of Spanish pupils of the European Schools of Bergen, Munich and Varese

Attached documents:

Letter of Mr Kallas to Mr Gabilondo, of 10 July 2009

Letter of Mr Gabilondo to Mr Kallas, of 24 November 2009

Letter of Mr Kallas to Mr Gabilondo, of 1 February 2010