



**José Manuel Barroso**  
*President of the European  
Commission*

*Brussels, 30 December 2011*

*Dear President,*

*Thank you very much for your letter which I received earlier, it is always delightful to consult on the mutually constructive methods of working together in the EU. I particularly enjoyed debating the new MNB bill and the Financial Stability Law, as I strongly advise the withdrawal of these two cardinal laws, so the discussion of this topic is as beneficial to our co-operation in the EU as it is satisfactory to me.*

*However, despite the advanced state of our discussion, I would like to strongly advise you to omit the use of the flag of the European Union during your annual New Year's eve speech, as a symbol of our current disagreement on the European aid with your negotiations with the International Monetary Fund. I would also like to kindly ask you to restrain yourself from the public use of the EU flag until these difficulties are dealt with.*

*Naturally, as the discussion on the topic above reaches a resting point, you may use our common flag, as it is the symbol of our joint endeavours to build a stable and co-operating Europe. I hope that the turmoil caused by our differences will end soon, and we can both anticipate a mutually fruitful partnership.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*signed*

*José Manuel BARROSO*

H.M.  
Mr. Pál SCHMITT  
President of Hungary