



Miguel ARIAS CAÑETE
Member of the European Commission

Brussels, 4 April 2016

Dear President Juncker,

I would like to clarify the information published in the press about my wife's involvement in the company Rinconada Investments Group SA.

Firstly, I would like to inform you that I have been married to my wife Micaela Domecq Solis-Beaumont since 1978 under the property separation regime of Spain's Civil Code, by which the property held by each spouse at the start and any which the spouse may subsequently acquire pursuant to any title shall belong to such spouse. Likewise, each spouse shall have the administration, enjoyment and free disposal of such property.

On 7 March 2016, my wife and I were addressed two letters by a reporter from the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (letters enclosed). As I have never participated in the administration of my wife's assets, interests, rights or properties, I contacted my wife's family in order to gather the necessary information to prepare a solid response to the journalist.

Secondly, my wife's family confirmed to me that Deutsche Bank (Suisse) and Swiss-based financial services company Gestrust S.A. helped them create Rinconada Investments Group SA with the support of the law firm Mossack Fonseca in 2005.

According to the information provided, my wife has never administered the company, been member of the board, or held any power of attorney for this company. Along with other members of her family, my wife was an authorized signatory in a Deutsche Bank (Suisse) account of the company Rinconada Investments Group SA, which was closed in January 2010 (document enclosed). Since then, the company Rinconada Investments Group SA has

Rue de la Loi, 200
B-1049 Brussels
T. +32 2 2955675

ceased all its financial activities, has not carried out any kind of commercial or industrial operations, and does not have any active bank account nor assets or investments of any kind.

Moreover, since March 2011 and thus long before I took office as Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, my wife has not been an authorised signatory in either an account linked to Rinconada Investments Group SA or any account held with Deutsche Bank (Suisse) SA (document enclosed).

Based on the above-mentioned information, my declaration of interest is in full compliance with the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, as it includes all the professional activities and financial interests of my wife that could pose a potential conflict of interest.

I remain at your disposal for any further clarification you may require.

Yours sincerely,



Miguel Arias Cañete

OUT OF THE
SCOPE

El Confidencial