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The European Commission
Attn. Mr. Janez Potočnik
Commissioner for Sciences and Research

Declaration of Commitment to the Principles of the European Commission's Recommendation "The European Charter for Researchers" and "The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers"

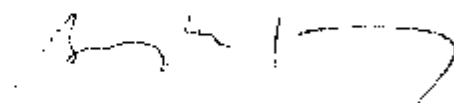
The Association of Swedish Higher Education (SUHF), i.e. the Swedish "Rectors Conference" organises the 42 Swedish universities and university colleges. The board of the Association has discussed the documents "The European Charter for Researchers" and "The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers" from 2005. The Association welcomes this initiative of the European Commission.

We hereby declare our commitment to the principles laid down in the Recommendation and are happy to report that most of the issues included are already implemented and praxis in Sweden.

We also want to express our intention to engage in this transnational effort to improve the conditions for researchers throughout Europe, and to promote attractive career passes.

SUHF understands the intention of the commission to follow up how these recommendations are implemented by requesting a yearly national report. We wish, however, to encourage the Commission to only ask for brief updates on the implementation and attitudes towards the recommendations, and not detailed reports. Extensive reporting of already functioning systems is considered to be an unnecessary burden of the HEIs and is thus counterproductive.

On behalf of the Association for Swedish Higher Education



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