



Европейски парламент Parlamento Europeo Evropský parlament Europa-Parlamentet Europäisches Parlament
Euroopa Parlament Ευρωπαϊκό Κοινοβούλιο European Parliament Parlement européen Parlaimint na hEorpa
Europski parlament Parlamento europeo Eiropas Parlaments Europos Parlamentas Európai Parlament
Parlament Ewropew Europees Parlement Parlament Europejski Parlamento Europeu Parlamentul European
Európsky parlament Evropski parlament Euroopan parlamentti Europaparlamentet

Federica Mogherini
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy and Vice-
President of the European Commission

Brussels, 26th March 2018

Dear Federica,

Following the European Parliament's report on corruption and human rights in third countries (2017/2028(INI)) adopted on the 29th June 2017, I would like to shed light on the proposal for development of EU intelligence on corruption networks and intermediaries, and recall its main points.

In this report, the European Parliament called "*on the EEAS to lead on the formation of task forces between Member States' embassies and EU Delegations in third countries, through which diplomatic officials can analyse and share information on the structure and operation of local corrupt networks to the highest level of power and build enough intelligence to prevent the collusion of the EU with kleptocratic regimes.*"

Parliamentarians believe that "*such information should be conveyed to EU institutions through diplomatic and safe channels*" and suggest, additionally, that "*EU Delegations and Member States' embassies foster close contacts with the local population, namely through regular dialogue with genuine and independent civil society organisations, journalists and human rights defenders, in order to gather reliable information on local corruption, crucial enablers and officials arrested;*"¹. The European Union External Action Service should lead and coordinate this initiative.

Finally, we would also like to stress that "*in light of the information gathered, country-specific guidelines should be shared with civil and military deployments and EU donor agencies to raise awareness of the risks involved in dealing with local contractors, private security companies and service providers whose beneficial owners might be linked with human rights violations and corrupt networks;*"².

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+REPORT+A8-2017-0246+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+REPORT+A8-2017-0246+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>



Европейски парламент Parlamento Europeo Evropský parlament Europa-Parlamentet Europäisches Parlament
Euroopa Parlament Ευρωπαϊκό Κοινοβούλιο European Parliament Parlement européen Parlaimint na hEorpa
Europski parlament Parlamento europeo Eirópas Parlaments Europos Parlamentas Európai Parlament
Parlament Ewropew Europees Parlement Parlament Europejski Parlamento Europeu Parlamentul European
Európsky parlament Evropski parlament Euroopan parlamentti Europaparlamentet

It is extremely important to fight corruption and all crimes related to it - such as tax fraud and money laundering. In fact, developing countries lose around EUR 250 billion per year in development finance, according to Parliament's report on the inquiry into money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion³. This and much bigger losses have a great impact on the populations of these countries, affecting marginalised groups the most and creating further inequalities.

In light of these policy suggestions by the European Parliament, which follow up measures has the EEAS taken in that regard?

The European Union should be a leading example in fighting corruption, and gathering this kind of intelligence is crucial. I urge you to take the appropriate measures, if they have not been done already.

Best regards
Ana Gomes

Ana Gomes
Member of the European Parliament

³ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+REPORT+A8-2017-0357+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>