

To the Attention of the Munich's Public Prosecutors' Office:
Ms. Nina-Sophie Klunker and Mr. Florian Bronnen

Dear Sirs,

My name is Ana Gomes and I am a Portuguese Member of the European Parliament.

On December 20th 2010 I have filed a complaint to the European Commission concerning the fraudulent purchase of two submarines by the Portuguese State to a German consortium: the German Submarine Consortium (GSC).

Recently, it was made public that the Munich Public Prosecutor had formally accused two former officials from MAN Ferrostaal, which is part to the GSC, for allegedly having conducted bribery and other corrupt practices to secure the deal where Portugal would buy two submarines from the GSC.

As you are surely aware, in Portugal as well there are ongoing investigations regarding the purchase of the two submarines and for several times already has the Public Prosecutor's Office requested from the German judicial authorities information on MAN Ferrostaal's activities that might be relevant to the ongoing cases in Portugal. This request has, regrettably, never been fulfilled, in spite of the systems in place within the European Union for judicial cooperation and so forth.

Given the new developments in the ongoing case in Germany, the Portuguese judicial authorities have once again requested detailed information on the two German citizens formally accused of bribery and the Portuguese high officials and other citizens also involved by receiving or mediating the bribery regarding the acquisition of the two submarines by Portugal.

Despite repeated formal requests for more than two years, the Portuguese Prosecutors have publicly complained that they have not yet received the requested cooperation from their German homologues.

I want, therefore, to understand why has this cooperation not been provided by the German Public Prosecutor. Would you be able to kindly inform me why are the German judicial authorities not cooperating with the Portuguese prosecutors, thus blocking an extremely important judicial case in Portugal on a major case of corruption and fraud, involving Portuguese and German citizens and money laundering through several tax havens. I would like to point out to you that this case not only severely damages the interests of the Portuguese State and the Portuguese taxpayers, but also involves the violation of EU law, namely the Internal Market rules.

You should know that I have also written, on February 8th 2011, to the Essen's Public Prosecutor's Office along these very same lines.

Furthermore, I would be most grateful if you could suggest a date, in the coming month of May, in which you could receive me in Munich, since I would like to discuss personally with you some other relevant matters regarding this case.

I thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from you,

With best regards,

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Attachments:

1. Formal Complaint presented to the European Commission by Ana Gomes, MEP.
2. Email-letter sent to the Essen's Public Prosecutor's Office.