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First Vice-President

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Honourable Members,


I want to thank you for your letter of 16 June in which you request information about the launch of a second EU Anti-Corruption Report.

I would recall that Commission Decision C(2011)3673 establishing an EU Anti-Corruption reporting mechanism for periodic assessment sets the structure and publication procedure for the EU Anti-Corruption Report. The Commission published the first EU Anti-Corruption Report in 2014. The report provides an EU-wide overview, identifies trends and best practice, and analyses developments in each EU Member State, aiming to support governments, civil society and other stakeholders in preventing and combating corruption. The follow-up of this report is basis for the Commission's ongoing work and dialogue with Member States to prevent and fight corruption in the European Union. Moreover, the EU has taken a series of steps to fight corruption: policy and monitoring initiatives (including recognising the economic cost in the European Semester), legislation, and funding programmes.

I should also like to recall that the Decision does not envisage coverage of the EU institutions in the EU Anti-Corruption Report, but only of the state of play in the 28 Member States.

The next steps will be decided by the Commission at a later stage.

Yours sincerely,



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