



FBME Limited

Nicosia
Cyprus
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Ana Gomes
Member of the European Parliament

Re: Measures taken by Cyprus authorities to prosecute fraudulent schemes uncovered by Sergei Magnitsky and operations for money laundering and financing of terrorism

Dear Ms Gomes,

Many thanks for your response to our letter of 21 May 2018 and for your questions. Unfortunately, we no longer have access to the bank records required to answer these questions accurately. These records are ultimately held under the control of the Deposit Insurance Board of Tanzania, so you may wish to ask them for the records relating to each of your questions. We also recommend you officially enquire with the Central Bank of Cyprus as well as the Attorney General which funds from the Magnitsky case went to other local Cypriot banks given that it is common knowledge that both Mr Kluyev and Mr Pavlov maintain business relationships in Cyprus for which they need relevant bank accounts for.

In regard to your question 15, we can confirm that Balec did receive funds from Quartell in 2008, but independent forensic accountants from New York, Ernst and Young, investigated this matter and found that: "The negative news identified for the counterparties transacting with Balec [Quartell and Nomirex] was only available as early as 2011 and would not have been available for FBME to document at the time the transaction activity with Balec occurred". Indeed, their independent report clears FBME of wrongdoing in respect of each of the identifiable FinCEN allegations.

You may also be interested to know that on the 21st June 2018 the Supreme Court of Cyprus upheld a previous ruling that The Central Bank of Cyprus was wrong to seek a special liquidation of FBME. We feel that FBME Bank and its shareholders have been deliberately and wrongly targeted by the Central Bank of Cyprus, in order to draw attention away from industrial-scale money-laundering by the local banks in Cyprus. Indeed, we now know that FinCEN threatened to shut the whole of Cyprus out of the Dollar if FBME were not made an example of.

On another matter, we have become aware of an EU Special Committee on Terrorism (TERR) meeting on 17 May. In that meeting, of which we were not notified and to which we were not invited (unlike BuzzFeed and Deutsche Bank), a large amount of false information was pedalled about us to mislead the Committee. It seems that there was some implication made that members of my family being bankers and speaking multiple languages is in some way nefarious which is a complete mischaracterisation. BuzzFeed are not even in possession of all the audits that were undertaken of the bank by the Central Bank of Cyprus, to their satisfaction, for several years.

I trust you will therefore take a less partisan attitude to your investigations in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ayoub-Farid Michel Saab', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ayoub-Farid Michel Saab
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