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Dear Ms Gomes,

The President of the European Commission, Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 6 January 2015 addressed to him, myself and Commissioner Jourová.

As you note, the European Commission has established a regular reporting mechanism on corruption. The first EU Anti-Corruption Report gave an assessment of how each EU Member State tackles corruption, how existing laws and policies work in practice, and it suggested areas of action in which Member States can step up efforts to improve the fight against corruption.

Under the competences assigned to it by the EU Treaties, the Commission cannot intervene in individual cases not involving EU funds. However, the Commission closely monitors actions taken by Member States in the follow-up to the EU Anti-Corruption Report. Information received from different stakeholders is an important element in this exercise.

The Commission promotes judicial cooperation amongst EU Member States in several ways, but cannot intervene in individual cases. The EU agency Eurojust facilitates cooperation and coordination between the competent judicial authorities in cases of serious crime, including corruption.

Yours sincerely,



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