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Honourable Members,

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2013 stressing the importance of the Commission following up on its commitment to publish the first *EU Anti-Corruption Report*.

Anti-corruption policy is a strategic priority area for this Commission. We therefore remain fully committed to the publication of the first EU Anti-Corruption Report, as announced in the Communication on Fighting Corruption in the EU of 6 June 2011.

Given the scope and ambition of this project, work on the Report has been both complex and challenging. Nevertheless, we are now finalising the Report and plan for adoption before the end of January 2014.

The Report will contain a general chapter which introduces the topic, highlights EU-wide trends, and addresses horizontal issues with public procurement. It will also contain 28 country chapters focusing on issues of particular relevance for each Member State. These chapters also identify future steps to strengthen anti-corruption work in each Member State.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the European Parliament for its constant support on this important matter. After the adoption of the first Report, this continued support will be crucial in ensuring engagement in a constructive dialogue and proper follow-up by Member States.

Yours sincerely,



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