

Brussels, 19/11/2018

Dear Ms Gomes,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 September 2018 addressed also to the President of the European Banking Authority and to Commissioner Moscovici, drawing attention to the activities of Eurobic Payment Institution. Commissioner Moscovici has requested me to reply to you on his behalf.

According to the provisions of the Directive (EU) 2015/849 as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/843, tax advisors and independent legal professionals such as lawyers are considered obliged entities. Their obligations include reporting any suspicious transactions to the relevant authority, in particular to the Financial Intelligence Unit.

The European Commission has no direct competences to take direct action in an individual case, as this falls under the competence of the relevant national authorities. Nevertheless, in its control of the implementation of the Union anti-money laundering legislation, the European Commission will ensure that such issues are properly addressed and awareness of obliged entities is raised as regards their reporting obligations.

I take note of your interest in these matters and thank you for drawing these issues to the Commission's attention.

Yours sincerely,



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