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Mr. Frans Timmermans
Commissioner for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights

Brussels, 14 October 2016

Dear Mr. Timmermans,

Thank you for your letter of 26 September concerning the adoption of the second EU Anti-Corruption Report.

We regret the fact that the Commission does not intend to include an overview of corruption risks within the EU institutions in the report, as requested by the European Parliament. In particular, we note that you do not mention any substantive arguments why the Commission would not be able to do so. After all, in accordance with the UN Convention against Corruption, to which the EU is a party, the Commission is obliged to submit regular reports on the implementation of that Convention. We can imagine that the Commission does not want to be its own judge or the judge of other EU institutions. However, in that case contributions could be asked from independent institutions such as the European Court of Auditors, the European Ombudsman or, alternatively, from NGOs such as Transparency International.

Furthermore, we regret that no date has been decided yet for the publication of the second EU Anti-Corruption Report, even though the Commission did indicate before that it should have been published this year. Therefore, we urge you to take the necessary measures for the adoption and publication of the Report as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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