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*Member of the European Commission*

Brussels,  
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Dear Members of the European Parliament,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

I appreciate your efforts in providing additional documents to support your initial query to which I have replied on 17 December 2015. My services will pay due attention to the financial documents you have submitted as regards the beneficial ownership of companies incorporated in Portugal as they provide help in better understanding the context.

Given the seriousness of your allegations and their relevant nature with regard to the anti-money laundering and terrorist financing framework, we have in the meantime also brought your concerns to the attention of the Portuguese authorities. It is important indeed to bring clarity on the situation you have described, in particular with a view to clarifying if there is evidence that an infringement of EU law with a view to the Portuguese anti-money laundering framework has taken place.

I will keep you informed about the observations and comments provided by the Portuguese authorities, if any, and about any follow-up that will be given to your query.

Yours sincerely,



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