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Press Release Open letter to Vice-President Timmermans concerning the second EU Anti-Corruption report

ITCO dismayed at Commission shelving second EU Anti-Corruption report

In 2016 the European Commission failed to come with a periodic assessment of corruption in the European Union, the so-called second EU anti-corruption report despite several promises from First Vice-President Timmermans.

The Intergroup for Integrity, Transparency, anti-Corruption and Organised crime is disappointed by the Commissioner who failed to keep up his promises and has sent the attached letter to Timmermans.

Dennis de Jong, Co-chair of ITCO further commented the shelving of the report:

“We got to know Vice-President Timmermans as a man committed to fighting corruption. We even gave him a transparency award as incentive. We therefore request an urgent meeting to discuss with the Vice-President the reasons for this strange policy change in respect of the second anti-corruption report and for not fulfilling the Commission’s reporting obligations under the UN Convention against Corruption”

Benedek Javor, Vice-Chair of ITCO added:

“It is not only the shelving of the report, but also the process by which the Commissioner is keeping the European Parliament in the dark on anti-corruption activities”