



Unit 01 - Selection & Review of Investigations
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Brussels,

Subject: **Information on decision to dismiss a case**

Case No OC/2017/0439 (Please include this number in all correspondence)

Dear Mr SUMAR,

Thank you for your communications of 17.03.2017, 12.04.2017, 13.04.2017 and 08.05.2017, in which you provided OLAF with information in relation to alleged incorrect or irregular (falsified) presence lists of petition meetings in the EP and, incidentally, on visa trafficking issues and the alleged misappropriation of EU funds allocated to the support of the civil society and of the opposition in Belarus.

In accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, OLAF's role is to protect the financial interests of the EU by investigating fraud, corruption or other illegal activities. It is also responsible for detecting and investigating serious matters relating to the discharge of professional duties by members and staff of the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies that could result in disciplinary or criminal proceedings.

In arriving at its decision whether to open an investigation, OLAF considers whether the matter falls within one of the areas of investigative priority which are defined annually by the Office and take into account principles of proportionality, subsidiarity/value added and the efficient use of OLAF's resources.

OLAF has analysed the information received in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and has dismissed the case on the grounds that the submitted information does not provide sufficient suspicion to justify the opening of an investigation.

In fact, the allegation that a serious misconduct or even criminal offences such as falsification of documents would have occurred in the framework of petition meetings at the European Parliament have been disproved. The European Parliament has answered to you directly by letter dated 22.03.2017 indicating the rules governing the presence at the above petition meetings.

In addition also the other allegations you raised are not supported by any tangible elements which OLAF could verify within the framework of an own investigation.

Your attention is drawn to the privacy statement below.

Yours sincerely,

Signed Electronically

on 27/09/2017 at 16:10 by
Corinna Ullrich [HEAD OF UNIT]

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