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Mr Aris KOLIMATSI

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Dear Mr Kolimatsis,

Via the website [www.asktheeu.org](http://www.asktheeu.org) you have lodged several confirmatory requests under Regulation 1049/2001 on access to documents of the European institutions.

Your correspondence with the Commission included several passages which the Commission considers to be of a defamatory character targeting the reputation of individual Commission officials. I am writing to inform you that, upon request of these officials, the Commission has decided to grant them assistance under Article 24 of the Staff Regulations. This provision provides that "*[t]he Union shall assist any official, in particular in proceedings against any person perpetrating threats, insulting or defamatory acts or utterances [...] to which he or a member of his family is subjected by reason of his position or duties.*"

As a first step to follow up on this matter I request you to provide the European Commission with a valid postal address so that further correspondence on this matter can be carried out in an appropriate manner.

Please provide us with this information by 22/04/2014 at the latest. It should be addressed either to the mailbox: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu) or be sent to: European Commission, Secretariat-General, Unit SG.B.4, BERL 05/340, 1049 Brussels, Belgium.

Yours sincerely,

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