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Dear Mr Zois Zervos,

I am writing in reply to your request of 15 January 2014 for public access to the complaint file 2593/2013/TN (reference INC2014-003068).

I regret the time it has taken to deal with your request. As you are aware from previous correspondence, the file required a particularly diligent examination, partly because of the size of the file, but in particular because of its content.

In light of the content of the file, we felt obliged to exceptionally consult that complainant to know if their lawyer's initial classification of the complaint as 'public' was a misunderstanding, and we informed you accordingly. The complainant's reply suggested that the above-mentioned initial classification was indeed based on a misunderstanding, and we decided to respect the complainant's wish to now have the complaint file classified as confidential.

Since the complaint file is confidential, I am regrettably not in a position to grant you access to any of its content (Article 14.2 of the European Ombudsman's Implementing Provisions). From previous correspondence regarding public access to documents, you are aware of the legal basis and the related legal context and considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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