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Dear Mr Kumar,

Thank you for your email of 18 May in which you request information on “how to register as a whistleblower with European Commission safe channels to report breaches of EU law. The new law approved by the European Parliament on Tuesday –April 16, 2019”.

The new law to which you refer in your email is Directive (EU) 2019/1937 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law, which has been in the meantime adopted on 23 October, and published in the Official Journal on 26 November 2019 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019L1937>). The Directive ensures a consistent high level of protection across the European Union for whistleblowers who report information acquired in a work-related context to reveal breaches of Union law in a wide range of sectors (including public procurement, financial services, money laundering, product and transport safety, nuclear safety, public health, consumer and data protection).¹

The Directive requires the EU Member States to transpose the new protective regime into national law by 17 December 2021.

One of the requirements of the Directive is for Member States to make sure that whistleblowers have at their disposal easily accessible reporting channels to allow them to report both internally (within an organisation) and externally (to an outside competent authority), while keeping their identity confidential.

Once the Directive is transposed into the national laws, it will indeed be for the national authorities, including national courts, to ascertain the facts in each individual case and determine whether, under the applicable rules, a person qualifies as a whistleblower and meets the conditions to benefit from protection.

¹ For more information see also https://ec.europa.eu/info/aid-development-cooperation-fundamental-rights/your-rights-eu/whistleblowers-protection_en

I hope you find the above information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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