



Directorate A  
Registry




ALLEMAGNE



Strasbourg, 04 -07- 2013

Complaint 1007/2013/LP

Dear Mrs 

I am writing in reply to your letter of 28 May 2013 in which you alleged that by adopting a declaration on Syria on 27 May 2013 the Council of the European Union breached the Union obligations under international law.

The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Statute of the European Ombudsman set certain conditions as to the opening of an inquiry by the Ombudsman. One of these conditions is:

Article 2(2) - Statute of the European Ombudsman:

*"Any citizen of the Union (...) may (...) refer a complaint to the Ombudsman in respect of an instance of maladministration..."*

After a careful examination of your complaint, it appears that this condition is not met, because the complaint does not concern a possible instance of maladministration, but the merits of Union decision on foreign policy, adopted by the Council. Such decisions relate to the political rather than the administrative work of the Council.

I regret to have to inform you, therefore, that the European Ombudsman has no power to deal with your complaint

You are free to make a reasoned request for review of my factual finding that your complaint does not concern maladministration. Such a reasoned request for review will be examined by the Ombudsman.

Having concluded that your complaint is outside the European Ombudsman's mandate, I would like to inform you of the possibility to submit a petition to the European Parliament. Petitions to Parliament can be on political as well as administrative issues. The contact information and a link to the online form for submitting a petition are as follows:



European Parliament  
The President of the European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz  
B-1047 BRUSSELS  
<https://www.secure.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/petition.ht>

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Yours sincerely,

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Head of the Registry

## MALLEA JIMENEZ Juan Manuel

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Dear Madam,

Please find attached the reply from the European Ombudsman to your complaint.

For your easy electronic reference, please find here the internet links mentioned in the letter attached:

- <https://www.secure.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/petition.html>

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