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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2012 23:32
To: Euro-Ombudsman
Subject: Re: Complaint 1183/2012/MMN

Dear Mr Navarro

Thank you for your reply. I wish to add the following comments to my complaint:

It took me many months to exhaust the internal processes before I decided to become a whistleblower and report to OLAF instances of fraud, manipulation of budgets, nepotism and mismanagement. This led directly to my enforced resignation which meant I gave up my career in Vienna and a period of very difficult separation from my partner as I had to return to London for work.

The actions of the Head of Administration were against the Staff Regulations and the Financial Regulation and yet after a two year investigation I am not given the courtesy of an explanation as to why these actions are acceptable because "it is not OLAF's policy to do so". Not only does OLAF not justify its actions but during the whole investigation not one person from OLAF expressed any concern for my welfare or future. While I lost my job the Head of Administration has been promoted - within the European Institutions this is surely the wrong message to pass to potential whistleblowers, and the wrong message to pass to staff. The staff in Vienna who turned a blind eye to the situation and to my situation in particular have flourished. The one member of staff who supported my situation has long suffered and is still suffering

With regard to my request to OLAF for an explanation - I cannot accept that a body such as OLAF which receives regular reports from whistleblowers has such a weak internal process for incoming mail that an oversight can lead to the archiving of mail before it is actioned. It would be interesting to know whether mine was an isolated instance or it is common practice to file "inconvenient" letters before they are actioned.

I repeat my request for an explanation as to why, for example, deliberate post-dating and back-dating of contracts, back-dating administrative decisions for personal gain and deliberate budget manipulation are acceptable practices to OLAF.

One final comment - I have grave concern about the independence and objectivity of the staff OLAF - at times they are far too close to the staff they are investigating.

Yours sincerely

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From: Euro-Ombudsman <EO@ombudsman.europa.eu>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 June 2012, 13:00
Subject: Complaint 1183/2012/MMN

Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached OLAF's reply concerning your above complaint.

If you wish to make any observations on OLAF's reply, please send them to the Ombudsman before 31 July 2012.

Please note that, if the Ombudsman does not receive any observations from you, he may close the case with a decision based on the information you have already provided, and on OLAF's reply to you.

Yours sincerely,



European Ombudsman

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