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Ms Emily O'Reilly

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Dear Ms O'Reilly,

Thank you for your letter of 24 July 2014, informing me of your own-initiative inquiry concerning whistleblowing.

I share your views on the importance of whistleblowing, as it is an instrument to reinforce the principle of integrity, which is central to the European civil service, and of guaranteeing protection for whistleblowers. Furthermore, I appreciate your efforts to ensure the EU administration is making efforts to encourage individuals to speak up when uncovering serious irregularities.

Regarding your concrete questions, I would like to inform you that:

- (i) the Court of Auditors plans to introduce Guidelines on Whistleblowing, which are expected to be introduced before the end of October 2014;
- (ii) before adopting the guidelines, a staff consultation process will be put in place through our Staff Committee;
- (iii) following the adoption of the guidelines, we will certainly provide you with a copy thereof;
- (iv) we will thoroughly reflect on the possibility to include external informants in the scope of the guidelines.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions related to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Vítor Caldeira