

Letter to the European Parliament concerning statements by the Commission President and Vice-President for Democracy and Demography in the run up to the Croatian elections (1141/2020/MIG and 1143/2020/MIG)

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Case 1141/2020/MIG - Opened on 14/07/2020 - Decision on 14/07/2020

Case 1143/2020/MIG - Opened on 14/07/2020 - Decision on 14/07/2020

Ms Monika Hohlmeier Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control European Parliament

Strasbourg, 14/07/2020

Decision of the European Ombudsman on complaints 1141/2020/MIG and 1143/2020/MIG against the European Commission concerning statements by its President and its Vice-President for Democracy and Demography in the run-up to the Croatian elections

Dear Ms Hohlmeier,

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of my letter to the European Commission in the above cases.

The complainants in those cases raised concerns about the Commission's Code of Conduct for its Members. While I concluded that there were no grounds to open an inquiry, I informed the Commission about the legitimate concerns raised and have invited its feedback.

Given that the European Parliament was asked to give its opinion when the current version of the Code was drafted, I consider it important to signal these concerns also to you. I am of course available to provide any further information or to discuss the matter with the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Emily O'Reilly



European Ombudsman

Enclosure: Letter to the European Commission concerning complaints 1141/2020/MIG and 1143/2002/MIG with enclosures