

Meeting concerning the transparency of the European Commission's interactions with representatives of the tobacco industry (OI/6/2021/LDS)

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Ms Ursula von der Leyen

President

European Commission

Dear President,

I refer to my letter of 26 November 2021, [1] in which I informed you of the opening of the above strategic inquiry. In particular, I asked for an inspection of certain documents the Commission holds regarding its interactions with tobacco interest representatives.

On 7 February 2022, the Commission provided my Office with the requested documents. I would like to thank the Commission for the cooperation to date.

I have now decided that, for the purposes of my inquiry, it is necessary for my inquiry team to meet with the relevant representatives of the Commission to clarify certain questions that arose when analysing the documents.

I would therefore be grateful if your office could contact Ms Leticia Díez Sánchez or Mr Koen Roovers to agree the arrangements for the meeting, preferably to take place before mid-May 2022.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Emily O'Reilly European Ombudsman

Strasbourg, 18/03/2022

[1] <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/doc/correspondence/en/149744>