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Subject: Your letter of 9 February relating to Inquiry OI/2/2017/TE on transparency of the Council legislative process
08/2018/RK

Dear Ms O'Reilly,

Thank you for your letter of 9 February informing us of your recommendations in your own initiative inquiry OI/2/2017/TE on transparency of the Council legislative process.

You asked the Council to send its detailed opinion on your recommendations by 9 May 2018. You equally requested to be informed of the actions taken in the Council in relation to your suggestions for improvement, by that same date.

The General Secretariat of the Council attaches great importance to legislative transparency and it takes careful note of the recommendations and suggestions for improvement as mentioned in your letter. I should however mention that these recommendations touch upon issues that are complex in nature and require a more in-depth reflection than is possible within the given timeframe. I would also note that sufficient time should be allowed for political consideration by COREPER and Council, given the importance of the topic.

I should therefore like to inform you that the Council will provide its reply to the abovementioned letter by early July.



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