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The Secretary General

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E2012-160815Brussels,  
SG.DSG2C.3/GKMr. P. Nikiforos Diamandouros  
European Ombudsman  
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Dear Mr. Diamandouros,

Thank you for your letter of 21 June 2012 concerning the Communication titled "Updating the handling of relations with the complainant in respect of the application of the Union law", COM (2012) 154 final. Responding to your concern about addressees of the Communication, I would like to underline that the Commission followed its standard practice of addressing Communications to the Council and the European Parliament (and the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, as appropriate). Being fully aware of your particular interest in the subject, I made sure that the Communication was also transmitted officially to you when it was transmitted to the institutions.

You inquired about publication in the Official Journal. I take the opportunity to inform you that the Communication has been published on the EUR-Lex website at the following address. It will not appear in the Official Journal.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0154:FIN:EN:PDF>

In reply to your final question on the Commission's reply to your draft recommendation made in the framework of own-initiative inquiry OI/2/2011/OV, let me assure you that we have carefully looked into your suggestions. Our reply will be communicated to you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Day