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Decision of the European Ombudsman closing his own-initiative inquiry
OI/12/2011/(JSA)JF concerning the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and
Drug Addiction

Dear Mr Götz,

Please find enclosed a copy of my above decision.

On the basis of my inquiry, I have decided to close it with the following
conclusion:

The Ombudsman welcomes the EMCDDA's implementation of the suggestions made after his visit to the Centre. The Ombudsman would, however, appreciate a change in the wording used in the EMCDDA's contract notices and Specifications to tenderers to the effect that the European Ombudsman is indicated as a redress mechanism alternative to the courts.

The Ombudsman notes that the issue of the disclosure of the names of selection board members has raised a number of questions in the context of his visits to the different agencies. Some of the agencies have sought guidance from the Ombudsman as to the best approach to be adopted in this respect¹. The Ombudsman will open an own-initiative inquiry concerning the issue of disclosure of the names of selection board members and, in view of the subject matter, he will also include the EMCDDA in his inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

P. Nikiforos Diamandouros

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¹ See, for instance, the follow-up given by the European Network and Information Security Agency following the European Ombudsman's report (OI/11/2012/ANA), available at:
<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/activities/visitreport.faces/en/49236/html.bookmark>