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Per email only

Subject: Ombudsman Decision OI/12/2012/EIS

Dear Mr Diamandouros,

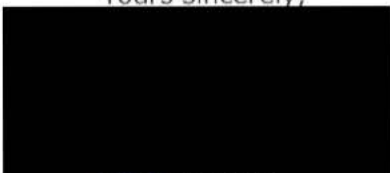
Thank you for your correspondence of 27 May 2013, informing me of the closure of the Ombudsman's own-initiative inquiry concerning ECHA.

Your visit to Helsinki 2012 and the contacts with your services in connection with the inquiry were for all ECHA colleagues involved an inspiring experience which contributed to fostering the administrative culture of the Agency. I would like to thank you for this.

I am also pleased to inform you that the ECHA Management Board adopted on 20 June 2013 an amendment to the ECHA Code of Good Administrative Behaviour in order to incorporate an explicit reference to the Ombudsman. A consolidated version of the Code will be published in the official EU languages on the Agency's website.

I am looking forward to the future cooperation with the Ombudsman, and wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



Geert Dancet
Executive Director