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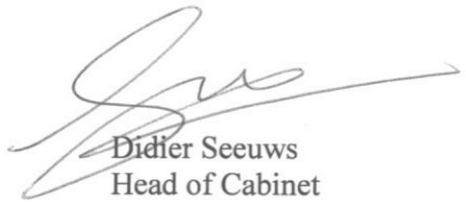
Dear Ombudsman, Dear Mr Jansons,

President Van Rompuy has asked me to reply to your letter of 30 November which you addressed to him and to a number of other members of European institutions.

The facts and figures contained in your letter were of great interest to the President, but as regards the legal question contained in your last paragraph, it is, of course, primarily up to the European Commission to verify that European law is correctly applied in Member States and, if not, to take the necessary actions, which can involve a referral to the European Court of Justice. Individual citizens may also, in specific circumstances, bring actions before their own courts, possibly triggering a referral to the ECJ.

Thank you for including the President in the list of recipients of your letter.

Yours sincerely,



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