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Re.: Delay in the Commission's reply to my request for further information concerning complaint 1906/2007/VIK

Dear Professor Lempert,

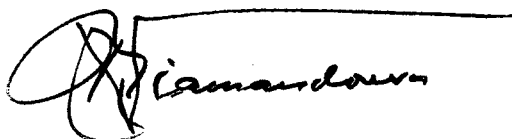
On 5 December 2008, I asked the Commission to provide me with further information concerning your case. The Commission was requested to send its reply by 31 January 2009.

By letter of 29 January 2009, the Commission has informed me that it will not meet the above deadline and that it intends to send its reply by 28 February 2009. I have informed the Commission that I will expect to receive its reply as soon as possible and in any event by no later than the new date indicated above.

I very much regret the further delay. I would, however, wish to stress that I am not responsible for this further delay and that I am not in a position to force the Commission to answer by a certain date. Please rest assured that the Commission's reply will be sent to you for your observations as soon as it arrives.

I acknowledge receipt of your further observations, which you sent on 19 January 2009. I note that in this letter you reiterated certain accusations against me and my staff that you had already raised before. As I already informed you in my letter of 19 November 2008, I cannot accept these accusations. Your complaint is handled in an objective and impartial way, as all other complaints that I receive, and I therefore consider your accusations to be completely unfounded.

Yours sincerely,



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