



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Office of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans

Deputy Head of Cabinet

Brussels, 03. 08. 2018

Dear Ms Kozlovska,

Thank you for your letter of 24 April 2018 to First Vice-President Frans Timmermans in relation to the activities of the Open Dialog Foundation (ODF) and the related parliamentary questions from Mr Ryszard Legutko, MEP and Mr Kosma Złotowski, MEP. I do apologise most sincerely for the delay in replying to you.

As you may be aware, the Commission has meanwhile replied to both parliamentary questions and its answers have been published online<sup>1</sup>.

The Commission clarified that, according to the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement on the Transparency Register<sup>2</sup>, the Joint Transparency Register Secretariat may open an investigation into alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by which registrants are bound.

A registrant may be removed from the Transparency Register for an established violation of the Code of Conduct and the procedure in Annex IV of the Interinstitutional Agreement must be followed. No such violation of the Code of Conduct has been established against the Open Dialog Foundation. It is worth noting in this context that no exclusions or removals from the Transparency Register are foreseen based on nationality.

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<sup>1</sup> The answers to both parliamentary questions can be found at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+WQ+E-2018-001872+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=en>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2018-001890&language=EN>

<sup>2</sup> Agreement between the European Parliament and the European Commission on the transparency register for organisations and self-employed individuals engaged in EU policy-making and policy implementation. OJ L 2014 277, p. 11. The interinstitutional agreement can be accessed at:

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2014.277.01.0011.01.ENG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.277.01.0011.01.ENG)

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*Registration in the Transparency Register also entitles registrants to apply to the European Parliament for a long-term access badge to the premises of the European Parliament. Please note that the issuance and control of passes granting long-term access to the European Parliament's premises is an internal procedure of the European Parliament under its own responsibility.*

*I hope that you find this reply, together with the previous replies to the parliamentary questions, helpful in making clear the Commission's position on this matter.*

*Yours sincerely,*



*Michelle Sutton*