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Answer given by Ms Reding
on behalf of the Commission
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The European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) is a Union body with legal personality which is independent from the Commission¹. The Commission has therefore asked FRA to provide a response to questions 2, 3 d) and e), 4, 5 and 6. This response will be forwarded to the Honourable Members as soon as it is available.

As regards questions 1 and 3 a) to c) concerning OLAF investigations and recommendations, the Commission can provide the Honourable Member with the information communicated by OLAF: OLAF investigated two cases, one in 2007 and another in 2011, following allegations being sent to OLAF concerning FRA or its predecessor. Neither of the two cases revealed any evidence of intentional fraudulent or irregular behaviour. In four other cases concerning FRA (one in 2010 and three in 2013), OLAF decided not to open an investigation on the basis that the information provided was considered insufficient to justify the opening of an investigation.

As regards the access to OLAF's recommendations, the Commission will examine any request from the Parliament, under the conditions of the Framework Agreement between the Commission and the Parliament.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) n° 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights OJ L 53, 22.2.2007, p. 53.