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to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: A friend of private banks in charge of the European Central Bank (ECB)

We have just learned that Mario Draghi, President of the ECB, is the subject of an investigation by the European Ombudsman’s office. The probe centres on his membership of the Group of 30 (G30), an international forum for heads of financial institutions and companies both public and private and including, for example, J.P.Morgan and UBS.

There has already been speculation about Mario Draghi’s role at Goldman Sachs between 2002 and 2005, the period during which the US bank helped Greece to fudge its public deficit.

Does the Commission intend to take any steps to prevent the existence of blatant ties between lobbies and EU decision-makers?