

The Director

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Mr Alain Lamassoure Chairman of the Budget Committee, European Parliament Rue Wiertz BE – 1047 Brussels

Subject: Information note by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation ("EACI") on a procedure to sign a building contract

Dear M. Lamassoure,

In accordance with Article 50a of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1653/2004 on a Standard Financial Regulation for Executive Agencies as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 651/2008, please find enclosed an information note prepared by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation ("EACI") with a view to informing the Budgetary Authority of a procedure to sign a usufruct contract for office space located at Covent Garden building, Place Rogier 16 at 1210 Brussels.

I am sending this information to the Budgetary Authority in my capacity as Director, Authorising Officer, and legal representative of the Agency, and in agreement with the EACI's Steering Committee.

I would very much appreciate it if you could indicate to me within two weeks of receiving this information whether you intend to issue an opinion on this action. Many thanks in advance for your kind consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick LAMBERT

Enc.: Information note

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