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Secretary General

CEE Bankwatch Network

Luxembourg, 4 May 2009

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Dear

I refer to your message dated 25 March 2009 and acknowledged on 31 March 2009, whereby you lodged an official complaint relating to the allegedly unfair refusal by the competent services of the European Investment Bank (EIB) to satisfy your request to disclose the Framework Agreement between the EIB and the Republic of Tajikistan. In your message, you take the view that the document requested may not be treated as a "third party document" as it was elaborated and signed by both EIB and Tajikistan and that therefore the justification of the refusal was wrong and insufficient.

The inquiry, which I instigated on receipt of your complaint, has shown that the reasoning supporting the contested refusal indeed ought to have been developed further and, as such, was not totally correct. However, I regret to inform you that the EIB is not in the position to disclose the requested document insofar as it is still undergoing the process of ratification by the competent authorities of Tajikistan.

In that regard, I am pleased to inform you that I have instructed the competent services of the EIB to liaise with the Tajiki authorities with a view to timely informing you on the status of your request once the requested document will be ratified.

I trust this is helpful in clarifying the issues raised in your complaint and remain at your disposal for any further information.

Yours sincerely.

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