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President

Luxembourg, 11 November 2005

Mr Nikiforos Diamandouros
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Dear Mr Diamandouros,

I refer to your letter of 28 September 2005, concerning a complaint lodged by Mr Pavel Pribyl acting on behalf of CEE Bankwatch Network and Friends of the Earth in the Czech Republic, in which you request the European Investment Bank to contact the Czech authorities in order to get clearance to provide you with a copy of the confidentiality request received from the Czech Ministry of Transport.

I am pleased to inform you that we have received consent from the Czech Ministry of Transport to provide you with a copy of their letter asking to delay publication of information about the project concerned until approval of the loan by the Czech Parliament. Therefore I am forwarding you the letter n° 41/2005-410-ROPO/1 of 3 February 2005.

I remain at your disposal, for any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Philippe Maystadt



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 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
 Antonín Tesařík
 1st Deputy Minister - State Secretary

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Dear Mr. Vrla,

I have received your letter n. 214 of 7 January 2005, in which you asked me for clarifications on an issue of information disclosure policy.

I confirm that in the past I had recommended to publish information about transport projects on the EIB website only after the Parliament's approval of the loan.

This recommendation also applies to the D 8 Motorway Project.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jean Vrla
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