



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

D - WESTERN BALKANS
The Director

Brussels, 24th Feb. 2017

Dear Mr Totozani,

Thank you for your letter of 17 February, through which you transmitted the list of candidates who meet the criteria for the vetting bodies and the list of those who do not. Based on that transmission, and the relevant documentation acquired in your offices, the observers deployed in the framework of the International Monitoring Operation (IMO), are performing their review and assessment tasks.

Thank you also for your letter of 22 February, in which you have transmitted to the attention of the IMO a number of citizens' complaints that are relevant to the ongoing assessment process for the formation of the vetting bodies. This latest documentation has also been duly received and was immediately put at the disposal of the IMO international observers' team for the necessary consideration and verifications. Rest assured of our appreciation and gratitude for this additional swift information.

The formal assessment of the work that was carried out by your offices in the management of applications will also be included in the procedural part of the overall evaluation that the IMO international observers are currently developing. Without prejudging the ongoing assessment, I wish to take this opportunity to commend the very valuable work of your office, its diligent dedication and the professional contribution in performing the tasks envisaged in the constitution and the vetting law. I also would like to add a special thank you for the openness demonstrated to the international observers in the performance of their monitoring role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Genoveva Ruiz Calavera', written in a cursive style.

Genoveva Ruiz Calavera

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