



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
 Directorate-General Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations

The Director-General

Brussels, 26/01/2017

Dear Secretary General,

Thank you for your letter of 19 January, in which you seek the initiation of procedures for the launch of the International Monitoring Operation (IMO) that will oversee the temporary re-evaluation of judges and prosecutors ("vetting") in Albania.

I am glad to inform you that in November 2016 the European Commission services and the US Department of State signed an administrative arrangement for the establishment of the IMO, in line with Art. B of the Annex on Transitional Qualification Assessment of Judges and Prosecutors of the Constitution of Albania. The administrative arrangement was signed for the US Department of State by Mr James Walsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), and by myself as Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations for the European Commission services.

Please find herewith enclosed a copy of the mentioned administrative arrangement.

I am also glad to inform you that the IMO Management Board is currently being established. It will gather four representatives from the European Commission, two representatives from the US Government, and will be chaired by Ms. Genoveva Ruiz-Calavera, Director for Western Balkans at this service of the European Commission. This service of the European Commission will also ensure the permanent secretariat of the IMO Management Board.

The European Commission services trust that all relevant institutions and authorities in Albania will provide the necessary assistance and cooperation to the IMO for the carrying out of its activities in the country throughout the vetting process.

Yours sincerely,

Christian Danielsson

Encl.: Copy of the EU/US administrative arrangement for the establishment of the International Monitoring Operation

Cc: - Mr Ditmir Bushati, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania  
 - Mrs Klajda Gjoshja, Minister of Integration  
 - Mrs Albana Shtylla, Secretary General of the Albanian Assembly  
 - Mr James Walsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)

Mr Engjëll Agaçi  
 Secretary General of the Council of Ministers  
 Tirana, Albania

Commission européenne/Europese Commissie, 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel, BELGIQUE/BELGIË - Tel. +32 22991111