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Request to investigate a possible breach of Union law under Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010

Dear Ms Astola

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 October 2017 (Ares(2017)5170820) concerning the request to investigate a possible breach or non-application of Union law by the Maltese competent authorities in the context of the anti-money laundering (AML) policies of certain credit institutions.

The EBA has opened a preliminary enquiry (BUL C 2017/10/ML AML) in order to gather the relevant information before deciding whether or not to open a Breach of Union Law investigation, pursuant to Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure for Investigation of Breach of Union Law adopted by EBA Decision of 23 December 2016 (EBA/DC/2016/174).

In the coming days the EBA staff will be in contact with your colleagues to understand what further information the Commission can provide to us regarding the concerns that have given rise to the request for an investigation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Enria', written in a cursive style.

Andrea Enria