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Mr Fabio De Masi
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Re: Your letter

Honourable Member of the European Parliament, dear Mr De Masi,

Thank you for your letter, which was passed on to me by Mr Roberto Gualtieri, Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, accompanied by a cover letter dated 15 July 2014.

The ECB takes the threat of economic espionage very seriously. It applies stringent controls and the highest security standards in order to protect its information and the data entrusted to it by third parties. The ECB continuously maintains a rigorous risk management framework. Within this framework, sensitive information is protected by several layers of security controls that are actively monitored and regularly tested in order to adjust them to the respective threat environment. You will certainly understand that I cannot discuss these matters in greater detail.

The company Verizon is currently providing services to the ECB on the basis of two arrangements: a framework agreement on the provision of certain internet-related services¹ and a contract related to the provision of certain business continuity services.² It does not provide any telephone-related services.

Following a re-assessment of these arrangements and in view of its interactions with the provider, the ECB sees no need to terminate these arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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¹ In line with the rules governing its procurement, the ECB has published the respective award notice at http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/jobsproc/proc/pdf/17068_is_ino_2012_contract_award_notice_published_15122012.pdf and in the Official Journal.

² In line with the rules governing its procurement, the ECB was not required to publish an award notice.