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> Ms Sonia ALFANO MEP European Parliament B-1049 Brussels

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## Subject: EDPS involvement in Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering (CRIM)

Dear Ms Alfano,

Thank you for your letter of 30 May 2012 in which you inform us about the decision of the European Parliament to set up the Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering (CRIM).

It is clear that the issues to be addressed by the CRIM Committee have considerable data protection implications. Therefore, we are very pleased to see that the importance of sound data protection in these areas is acknowledged by inviting the EDPS to attend all meetings of the CRIM Committee.

We gladly accept this invitation and will make sure that a representative of the EDPS will be present during those meetings. If, on specific matters, my intervention or an intervention of the Assistant Supervisor, Giovanni Buttarelli, would be desirable, this can of course be arranged.

I propose that further organisational practicalities be discussed between our services and the secretariat of the CRIM Committee. The two persons assigned as contact persons on behalf of the EDPS are Mr. Herke Kranenborg (02 2831910) and Ms. Anne-Christine Lacoste (02 2831939).

We look forward to the discussions in the CRIM Committee and to a constructive cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Peter HUSTINX

CC: CRIM Committee Secretariat