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Dear Mr Steele,

On 17 October 2006 you sent us the notification of STREAMLINE. After careful analysis of its contents, we have concluded that this is not subject to prior checking.

STREAMLINE is a single database replacing some 18 independent and only loosely-connected databases managing different areas of staff policy. STREAMLINE aims to rationalise procedures, open up an IT application to all staff via a web portal and automate as far as possible the requests made by those responsible for staff matters in the DGs or by colleagues themselves. STREAMLINE is based on a self-service workflow system. Requests are submitted on line, they then travel automatically, via whoever else needs to approve them, to the relevant DG PERS colleague who checks that they are in line with the rules and regulations and, if necessary, an ex-ante financial controller, before ending up with the authorising officer who takes his or her decision. Interested parties are immediately notified. Access to data is restricted to authorised user profiles.

STREAMLINE involves many areas, such as career, recruitment, holidays, working time, missions, pay, training and assessment reports of the data subject.

The notification was submitted under Article 27(2)(b) of Regulation 45/2001 so it focuses on those processing operations that feed information to STREAMLINE or take information from it and are "*intended to evaluate personal aspects relating to the data subject, including his or her ability, efficiency and conduct*". Those operations, however, have been or will be prior checked themselves, so the specific risks are already taken care of. The same is true concerning other processing operations falling under other indents of Article 27(2). Furthermore, we have not identified any other specific risk in this global database which could lead to prior checking under Article 27(1)

Therefore, we close the prior checking case on STREAMLINE unless you provide us with some reasons indicating that this processing operation subsequently proves to involve a

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specific risk within the meaning of Article 27(1) which could lead the EDPS to review his position.

We nevertheless take this notification on STREAMLINE as a master notification, which provides us with background elements for considering the notifications of those other processing operations which should be sent to the EDPS under the article 27.2 of the Regulation 45/2001.

I take the opportunity of this letter to remind you of the general state of play of notifications of the European Parliament in annex 1.

We look forward to receiving those notifications and thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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