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**Re: Update to notification 2008-0222 concerning the selection of candidates in order to draw up a list of pre-selected candidates for the post of European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and the post of Assistant Supervisor, 2013-1334**

Dear Mr Renaudière,

We are writing to you concerning the update to notification 2008-0222, received on 27 November 2013. You may recall that this update was produced at the request of our services, which, on reading the vacancy notice for the post of European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and the post of Assistant Supervisor published in July 2013, noted the possible use of an assessment centre, which did not appear to correspond to the initial notification. That notification did mention the support of 'external HR consultants hired specifically by the European Commission' but at no point referred as such to the use of an assessment centre. This difference in terminology implied a change in handling the appraisal of candidates under the new selection procedure.

On reading the amended notification, it emerges that that is not the case as the appraisal is indeed conducted by an external human resources consultant hired specifically by the European Commission. We have, moreover, noted other minor changes in terms of data protection, such as the consultant's name and the updating of the new players in the procedure, which have been amended to reflect the terminology used by Directorate-General HR and Security (and not ADMIN).

These changes do not require any new prior check and we have therefore decided to close this case. The updated notification will be published in our register (case no 2013-1334) and will refer to the opinion previously adopted by the EDPS on 16 May 2008 (case no 2008-0222).

Yours sincerely,

**(signed)**

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