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Friends of the Earth Europe
Mr Paul de Clerck

Sent by email only

Subject: Your letter dated May 7, 2009

Dear Mr de Clerck,

Following your submission of Friends of the earth Europe's complaint, the Commission's services met representatives of Business Europe and asked them to clarify the issue at stake regarding the elements and the methodology used to assess the estimated amount spent on direct lobbying of the EU institutions.

The elements brought forward by Business Europe have lead the Commission's services to conclude that there was no violation of article 4 of the Commission's Code of Conduct for interest representatives.

Yours sincerely,

Gerard Legris
Head of Unit