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Dear Mr Diamandouros

Complaint 0622/2012/ANA

Thank you very much for your letter, dated 19 April 2012. I was very pleased to read that you have started another investigation.

Following your letter, I would firstly like to clarify the length of time for the investigation. As EFSA has only recently had its tenth anniversary, it would not be possible to cover a period of twelve years. However, I completely agree that even a also ten years are a very long period of time for your investigation.

The initial reason for our complaint is the fact that Harry Kuiper had very strong ties with ILSI around 2003/ 2004, and he began working in his new position immediately after or whilst still working as part of the ILSI Task Force. Consequently, we would like to know how EFSA dealt with this specific situation at that time as well as during later period of time. Please could you specifically explain how this initial reason for our complaint will be integrated in your investigation in order for us to gain a better understanding.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment: Recent briefing about ILSI

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