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Directorate-General Enlargement

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The Director

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Dear Ms. Coman,

The Commission has been contacted by several German families concerning their expected adoption of a Romanian child. Children were proposed to these families only in December last year.

The arrangements were made by the Romanian lawyer Oana Harvalia of the adoption foundation Parinti si Copii. We were informed that 16.000 € were requested for the adoption of a child. As far as we are aware there are at least 22 German families/persons concerned.

The document related to intercountry adoption and corruption which you transmitted to the Commission's Security Service in February 2004, states that since the entering into force of Law 121/2001 the Romanian private bodies would no longer be involved in the intercountry adoption process.

Therefore, we would like to ask whether you can confirm the information we received from the prospective adopters. We are especially concerned as the children to be adopted are apparently in foster care.

Yours Sincerely,

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