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Dear Mr Klosowicz,

Thank you for your email of 13 July on the issue of misuse of Interpol alerts for political purposes. The Commissioner asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

The Commissioner wishes to thank the Open Dialog Foundation for providing him, and more generally the Commission, with an update on the activities undertaken by Interpol in the context of its Working Group on the Processing of Information, and on the Foundation's activities and recommendations in this regard. We will study with great interest the Foundation's recommendations as part of our ongoing monitoring of the review of Interpol's supervisory mechanisms in the area of data processing.

The Commission considers that Interpol's alerts constitute an important tool to enable effective law enforcement cooperation in the fights-against international crime. As a result, the Commission takes the issue of possible misuse of Interpol's notices and diffusions for political purposes very seriously, and follows it with attention. As you may be aware, during 2014, the Commission and Interpol engaged in a dialogue on the use of Interpol's notices and diffusions, in relation to possible abuses of Interpol's system for politically motivated purposes. This dialogue is still ongoing and the Commission plans to contribute to Interpol's further work in the field of data protection, notably by providing it with an overview of how EU Member States currently use Interpol's notices and diffusions and how these tools could be further improved, in particular from the data protection perspective. The Commission will also study with great detail the conclusions of Interpol's Working Group on the Processing of Information and provide comment and suggestions, if appropriate.

In the meantime, we thank you again for having reached out to the Commissioner on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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