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Subject: Designation of the Anti-Fraud Coordination Service (AFCOS) in Moldova

Dear Mr Chetaru,

Thank you very much for informing OLAF through your letter from 29 June about the initiative of NAC to initiate draft legislation to criminalise offenses affecting the financial interest of the European Union in line with Moldova's Priority Reform Action Roadmap. OLAF welcomes these developments. OLAF also takes note of the fact that NAC considers it can assume the function of an AFCOS.

Appointing an AFCOS as specified in Article 3 (4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 883/2013 is mandatory only for EU Member States and, in addition, as part of the accession process to the EU, also for candidate and potential candidate countries. Nevertheless OLAF considers this approach as the most suitable one also in relation to countries in the Eastern Partnership with which the EU has close ties. That is also why OLAF invited representatives of authorities from the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine to participate in the AFCOS seminar dedicated to EU candidate and potential candidate countries 1-3 June 2016 in Tirana.

OLAF is not in a position to recommend which national authority should take up the function of the AFCOS, as this is entirely a decision of the national authorities. However OLAF would welcome the appointment of a Moldovan AFCOS and looks forward to cooperate with this authority.

Yours sincerely,

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