

3 whistleblowers meeting with OLAF on 10 September 2014 - adoptionlobby

[Arun Dohle](#) made this access to documents request to [European Anti-Fraud Office](#)

The request was **refused** by [European Anti-Fraud Office](#).

Arun Dohle **February 17, 2025**

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Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 3:33 PM

To: (OLAF)

Subject: Fwd: FW: Your correspondance with Mr xxx of 02.09.2014 -- OF/2014/1007/01"

Thank you,

Against Child Trafficking (ACT)

Keizersgracht 482

1017EG Amsterdam

OLAF-FM-D2@ec.europa.eu, European Anti-Fraud Office **February 19, 2025**

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Arun Dohle <[FOI #15572 email]>

Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 6:57 PM

To: OLAF FM D2 <[OLAF request email]>

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[Arun Dohle](#) left an annotation (February 22, 2025)

10 March 2025

OLAF-FM-D2@ec.europa.eu, European Anti-Fraud Office **March 10, 2025**

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OLAF-FM-D2@ec.europa.eu, European Anti-Fraud Office **March 31, 2025**

2 Attachments

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Overriding Public Interest in Disclosure

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1 Attachment

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