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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I am writing to you to acknowledge receipt of your petition forwarded by e-mail on 20.02.2009.

Your petition has been entered in the general register as Petition No. 0192-09 and I should be most grateful if you would use that reference number in any future correspondence.

Your petition has been forwarded to the Committee on Petitions which will, first of all, take a decision on its admissibility, i.e. on whether the subject of your petition falls within the sphere of activities of the European Union. If the committee declares it admissible, it will then examine the substance of your petition.

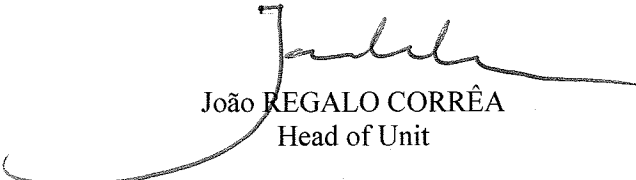
The Committee on Petitions will write to you directly to inform you of its decision on admissibility.

If your petition is declared admissible, the aforementioned committee will examine it at a meeting open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the European Parliament's internal Rules of Procedure.

May I draw your attention to the fact that the procedure for the examination of a petition may be fairly lengthy, given the large number of petitions that we receive which have to be translated into all the official languages of the European Union and then examined by the Committee on Petitions.

Please address any further correspondence on this matter to the following address: Secretariat of the Committee on Petitions, European Parliament, rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels. Fax.: 0032/22846844.

Yours faithfully,

  
João REGALO CORRÊA  
Head of Unit