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### **Seizure of ECB information on 6 July 2016**

Dear President Juncker,

I was informed by Mr Jazbec, the Governor of Banka Slovenije, that Slovenian authorities searched the premises of Banka Slovenije on 6 July 2016 and seized ECB information held by the Banka Slovenije, in particular information stored on the internal network of Banka Slovenije and on IT hardware used by the Governor, a former Deputy Governor and some staff members in the course of a pre-criminal investigation procedure.

Seizure of information owned or held by the ECB, irrespective of where the information is located and whether it is classified or not, infringes the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union (Article 2 in conjunction with Article 22(1)).

In a letter addressed also today to Mr Fišer, State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia, and forwarded to you, I protested against the unlawful seizure of the archives of the ECB and called upon the Slovenian authorities to remedy this infringement. In the meantime, the ECB will also explore possible appropriate legal remedies under Slovenian law.

Depending on the response of the Slovenian authorities to this letter, the ECB kindly invites you to take any necessary follow-up steps.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Encl. Letter addressed to Mr Fišer, State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia

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