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Re: Your letter (QZ-032)

Honourable Member of the European Parliament, dear Ms Ponsatí Obiols,

Thank you for your letter, which was passed on to me by Ms Irene Tinagli, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, accompanied by a cover letter dated 15 December 2023.

As highlighted in my previous letters, independence is essential to the proper functioning of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB). The ECB considers matters relating to this principle to be of the utmost importance. I recall that, in the case at issue, no complaint nor allegation of removal from office or forced resignation has been communicated to the ECB by any of the parties involved. The press report you refer to does not substantiate as such the alleged claims.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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