

Unit 0.1 Investigation Selection and Review
Head of Unit

Andrei Sumar
Centre d'accueil 'Les Fourches'
Les Fourches
B-6887 Herbeumont
Belgique

OLAF.01(S)(2015)41865

Brussels

Subject: **Information on decision to dismiss a case**

OF No **OF/2015/1152/01** (Please include this number in all correspondence)

Dear Mr Sumar,

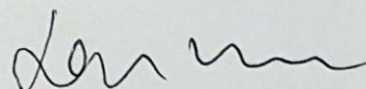
Thank you for your communications dated September 29, October 21 and November 17, 2015 in which you provided OLAF with information in relation to illegal business on Schengen visas in Ukraine, Belarus, Russia and some of the African countries.

In accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, OLAF's role is to protect the financial interests of the EU by investigating fraud, corruption or other illegal activities; it is also responsible for detecting and investigating serious matters relating to the discharge of professional duties by members and staff of the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies that could result in disciplinary or criminal proceedings.

OLAF has analysed the information received in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and has dismissed the case on the grounds that OLAF is not competent to act. The available elements do not raise suspicions that EU staff is involved in the alleged Schengen visa fraud and that EU financial interests are at the stake. Nevertheless, your communication dated November 17, 2015 referring to illegal Schengen visa trade in Polish consulates in Russia and some of the African countries will be transmitted to the Prosecutor's Office in Poland.

Your attention is drawn to the privacy statement below.

Yours sincerely,



KUHL Lothar

Privacy statement

Pursuant to Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) 45/2001 *on the protection of individuals*