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Comments of the Commission on a request for information from the European Ombudsman

- Complaint by Mr Tony BUNYAN on behalf of STATEWATCHII, re£ 668/2007/MHZ

1. THE COMPLAINT

The complainant alleges that the Commission failed to publish the 2005 annual report in 2006 as required under Article 17(1) of Regulation 1049/2001 and claims that the Commission should publish this report.

2. THE COMMISSION'S REPLY

The Commission is well aware of the obligation to publish an annual report. However, the drafting of the annual report for 2005 was delayed, due to:

- the priority given to launching the public consultation on the review of Regulation 1049/2001' including the drafting, adoption and publication of the Green Paper;
- a major turnover of staff in the service in charge of the implementation of Regulation 1049/2001.

A draft annual report for 2005 is currently being translated with a view to its adoption and publication in July2007.