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Vice-président de la Commission européenne

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Dear Ms Lucas,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 July 2005 concerning the Via Baltica and possible breaches of European environmental legislation.

With reference to your concerns, I am quite aware of the problem of the express road Via Baltica, passing through different sites of EU importance for the conservation of birds, other animals, plants and habitats. Concerning the trans-European transport network (TEN-T), so far no project related to such sites has been supported.

Upon reception of your letter, my services have consulted Directorate-General Environment that has a unit specialised in dealing with possible infringements of EU environmental legislation. They have informed me that they are already dealing with a complaint procedure on this issue.

I have also informed my colleague, Mr Stavros Dimas, the responsible Commissioner for Environment, and passed him a copy of your letter, as well as Ms Danuta Hübner, responsible for Regional policy to check whether EU Structural or Cohesion Funds are concerned.

Yours sincerely,



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