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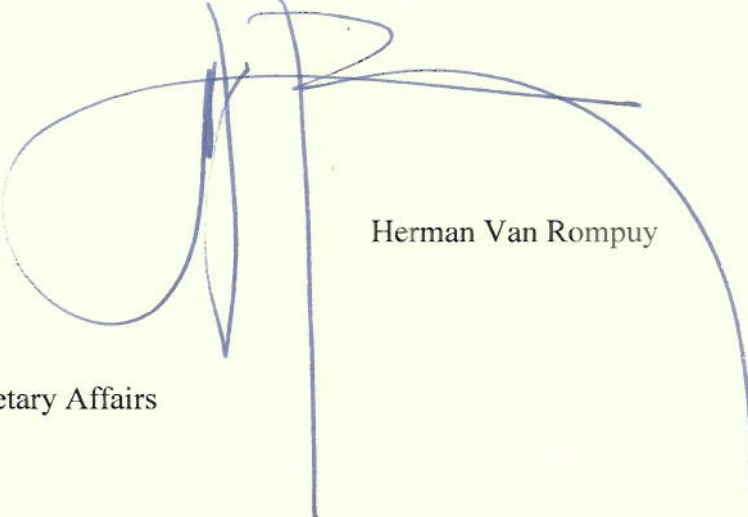
Dear Ms Bowles,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013 concerning the work the European Parliament is undertaking to evaluate the structure, the role and the operations of the Troika (Commission, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund) in euro area programme countries.

I share the objective of this own initiative report. However, I believe your detailed questionnaire would best be addressed to the Troika institutions themselves. As President of the European Council, I am not involved in the interaction of these institutions with programme countries or in the review of their reports and assessments.

I regret I cannot assist you on this occasion, but I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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