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Magistrates, Judicial advice and follow up

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SUMMARY ASSESSMENT

Object	Special assessment of the note sent by Mr Paul van Buitenen on the 31 st August 2001
Magistrates in charge	Nils Eric Schultz, Helena Fazenda, Dorrit Kjær Christiansen, Declan Murphy, Nicola Piacente, Isabel Vicente Carbajosa, Ute Stiegel
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General co-ordination	Joaquín González, the head of the unit

I. INTRODUCTION

On 23 October 2001, this Unit was formally invited by the Director-General of OLAF to carry out an assessment of a note dated 31 August 2001 and annexes (hereafter referred to as 'the note') submitted by Mr Paul van Buitenen. The assessment was submitted to the Director General of OLAF on 31 January 2002, as requested.

The object of this assessment is to advise the director of OLAF whether any action should be taken by OLAF. It does not in itself constitute an investigation. The methodology is explained below.

Those responsible for carrying out the assessment are prosecutors coming from 7 different member states, having no prior involvement with the cases mentioned. Two other members of the unit, belonging to two other legal cultures, provided additional legal assistance to them. Investigators from Directorate B (investigations and operations) and staff members from Directorate C (intelligence) supported the work.

It should be noted that DG ADMIN undertook a parallel exercise as Mr Paul van Buitenen had also sent a copy of the note to this DG. For this reason, and in order to ensure a co-ordinated approach, meetings were held between both services.

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