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Directorate D : Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Unit D3 : Anti drugs policy

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Dear Mr Oomen, Dear Members of the ENCOD Steering Committee,

## Subject: EU Drugs Action Plan for 2009-2012

Thank you very much for your message and your comments on the EU Drugs Action Plan (2009-2012). As you may know, the Action Plan was adopted by the Council of the European Union 8 December 2008.

The final wording of the EU Drugs Action Plan (2009-2012) is a result of negotiations in the Council based on a Commission proposal in September 2008. In the end, the wording was unanimously agreed by all Member States and therefore provides a solid framework for EU drug policies.

As far as civil society consultation is concerned, the Civil Society Forum organised by the Commission in May 2008 gave valuable input to the drafting process in the Commission. As you may see, many of the conclusions of the Civil Society Forum are reflected in the text of the Action Plan.

We have taken note of the comments in your e-mail and look forward to continuing constructive dialogue with civil society representatives in the next meeting of the Civil Society Forum foreseen to take place in March 2009.

Kind Regards,

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