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Dear Mr Raccanelli,

Your e-mail addressed to Europe Direct in relation to your complaint 2004/4512 has been transferred to us.

The state of your complaint is the following: After you gave us the permission to reveal your identity and to use the documentation sent, the Commission services asked the German authorities about their position on the case. Recently the German authorities sent a comprehensive reply; the services of the Commission are currently evaluating the German reply. If the Commission services consider that the reply is not satisfactory in view of Community law on free movement of workers they have the possibility to continue with the next step of the infringement procedure and to suggest to the Commission to address a letter of formal notice to Germany. In this case the German authorities would have two months to reply and explain their position. The next phase would be that the Commission sends a reasoned opinion to Germany. If the services of the Commission consider that the reply to the reasoned opinion still does not solve the situation in an EC-law compatible way then the Commission has the possibility to transfer the case to the European Court of Justice. The whole procedure could last for several years.

The services of the Commission will keep you informed about the developments of your complaint. If you have additional questions I suggest that you send them directly to my unit.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Cornelissen  
Head of Unit

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