Dear Ms Tina Nilson,

We are writing to thank the European Ombudsman for its inquiry into the Voices of the People initiative carried out by DEMOS in Guinea-Bissau, under the case number O1/4/2024/MIK.

Enclosed please find a copy of our response to comments offered by European Commission officials during your 5 September 2024 meeting.

Our response includes an annex and adds three new exhibits to the original ten included in our April 2024 complaint.

The statement answers the question raised in our 18 October email regarding the study's publication in open access. It also addresses other important issues.

In nutshell, we have not been able to do so for lack of resources to pay the fees required by academic publishers. DEMOS was never offered funds to make this possible.

We appreciate Mr. Michael Krajewski's kind decision to extend our deadline.

Thank you for your kind interest and consideration.

Sincerely, Miguel