Press statement

Amsterdam, July 17, 2020 - Today, several media in the Netherlands have published articles on the Mayday Rescue Foundation. These articles are based on a publication in national newspaper De Volkskrant. Several important facts were not included in that article.

Forensic accountant Grant Thornton was requested by the Mayday Rescue Foundation to investigate the facts and circumstances regarding alleged financial irregularities and, in particular, the (justification for) cash withdrawals between 1 September 2016 and 1 November 2019 at the Istanbul office of the Foundation.

The main finding of this investigation is that there is no evidence of misappropriation of funds. The auditor notes that there is administrative disorder and that internal control within Mayday needs to be improved.

We would like to refer to a summary of the Grant Thornton report, which can be accessed here.

We regret that an incorrect and incomplete picture of the financial situation at the Mayday Rescue Foundation was provided in the De Volkskrant and other media.

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