



Presidenza del Consiglio dei ministri
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Dear Mr Berlusconi,

The editors of **openDemocracy** are delighted to inform you that you have been named Bad Democrat of the Month for October 2005.

The Bad Democracy Award is made monthly to the man, woman or institution that has made the most damaging contribution to democracy that month.

Visitors to openDemocracy's website (http://www.opendemocracy.net/columns/bad_democracy_awards.jsp) are invited to cast their votes for one of six candidates. You emerged victorious from a shortlist that also included President Álvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia; John Bolton, United States ambassador to the United Nations; the World Bank; King Mswati III of Swaziland; and President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan.

Your name will now go forward to the shortlist for the grand prize of Bad Democrat of the Year, to be decided eleven months hence.

Congratulations once more.

Yours,

Tom Burgis

Moderator, Bad Democracy Awards