



CONSILIUM

SGS12/006740

**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

*Directorate-General F  
Press  
Communication  
Transparency*

*The Director General*

RUE DE LA LOI, 175  
B - 1048 BRUSSELS  
Tel: (32 2) 281 67 10  
(Fax: (32 2) 281 91 96  
E-MAIL:  
access@consilium.europa.eu

Brussels, 22 JUN 2012

**Pam Bartlett Quintanilla**

**e-mail:**  
**ask+request-111-9e25759e@asktheeu.org**

**Ref. 14/c/01/12**

Dear Ms Bartlett Quintanilla,

Please find enclosed the reply from the Council to your confirmatory application dated 23 May 2012. You'll also find enclosed documents DS 1264/12, DS 1270/12, DS 1276/12 to which the Council decided to grant full access.

Yours sincerely,

Reijo KEMPPINEN

Enclosures

**REPLY ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON 22 JUNE 2012  
TO CONFIRMATORY APPLICATION No 14/c/01/12,  
MADE BY E-MAIL ON 23 May 2012,  
pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001,  
for public access to documents DS 1264/12, DS 1270/12 and DS 1276/12**

The Council has considered this confirmatory application under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43) (hereafter "Regulation No 1049/2001") and Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision 2009/937/EU, Official Journal L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35) and has come to the following conclusion:

1. You refer to documents DS 1264/12, DS 1270/12 and DS 1276/12.
2. In its reply dated 7 May 2012, the General Secretariat refused public access to these documents pursuant to Article 4(3), first subparagraph of the Regulation (protection of the institution's decision-making process).
3. Following your confirmatory application dated 23 May 2012, the Council has thoroughly examined the documents concerned. In the light of its examination, the Council has come to the conclusion that full public access may be granted to the requested documents.