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Warsaw, 21 November 2022

Your application for access to European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) documents

Dear Mr/Ms Ambri,

In reference to your application registered on 26 October 2022, asking for access to

1. *drafts of the strategic cooperation plan between Frontex and Lebanon for the next two years, as suggested by the Lebanon's Border Control Committee (BCC), and drafted between April 2022 and today*
2. *agenda and minutes of meetings between Frontex and the BCC, intended to discuss the BCC's current needs regarding Search and Rescue (SAR), from April 2022 until today*
3. *correspondence from Lebanon's General Security agency with Frontex, between April 2022 until today, including attachments.*

Please be informed that with regard to **point 2**, Frontex has identified three documents, two of which are herewith attached. Kindly note that some limited parts these documents fall under exceptions under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹ and therefore had to be expunged with detailed justifications in the attached legend.

Access to one of the identified documents has to be refused as it contains personal data and detailed information on internal decision-making processes and engagement with third countries, as explained in the attached legend, to an extent that does not make its partial release possible. Its redaction would be disproportional in relation to the parts that are eligible for disclosure, simultaneously undermining the principle of sound administration. More specifically, the administrative burden necessary to identify and redact the releasable material would be disproportionate to the public interest in the disclosure exercise itself, while the released document would not convey any informative value due to its significantly reduced form. Consequently, the partial disclosure of this document must be refused owing to the particular circumstances of the present case.

As regards **point 1 and 3**, no documents are held.

¹ 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, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

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Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, within 15 working days of the receipt of this reply, you may submit a confirmatory application.

A confirmatory application, indicating the reference of your initial application, may be submitted electronically to: <https://pad.frontex.europa.eu/padrequests/create>,

by mail to: European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Transparency Office,
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Based on Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, Frontex will reply within 15 working days from the registration of such application.

Yours sincerely,

[Decision signed electronically]
Case Handler of the Transparency Office