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Dear Mr Soesanto,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.<sup>1</sup>

I regret to inform you that access to document **ST 13928/24** cannot be given for the reasons set out below.

The requested document, drawn up by the European External Action Service (EEAS) for the Political and Security Committee, contains a concept Note on the establishment of an EU Cyber Defence Coordination Centre (EU CDCC).<sup>2</sup>

It illustrates a proposed military centre as announced in the EU Policy on Cyber Defence<sup>3</sup>, providing detailed insights into current and future military capabilities both at EU and Member States level. In this context, it identifies key challenges to address in the current military cyber ecosystem and elaborates on possible main tasks, scope and functional areas, beneficiaries, costs and modus operandi of the proposed Coordination Centre.

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<sup>1</sup> The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

<sup>2</sup> See on this topic point 25 of document [ST 9225/24](#) - Council Conclusions on EU Security and Defence, approved by the Council at its meeting held on 27 May 2024 – accessible in the public register of Council documents.

<sup>3</sup> See document [ST 15721/22](#), Joint Communication – accessible in the public register of Council documents.

Given the confidential nature of its contents, and in the light of our consultations, the General Secretariat is of the opinion that the disclosure of this document would reveal sensitive information that could be used by hostile (state and/or non-state) entities to acknowledge challenging areas in this field and plan and carry out activities that would undermine the EU's strategies in this field, causing prejudice to public interest as regards public security and defence and military matters.

Consequently, public access to this document must be refused.<sup>4</sup>

We have also looked into the possibility of releasing parts of the requested document.<sup>5</sup> However, as the information contained therein forms an inseparable whole, and since the abovementioned exceptions apply to its entire contents, the General Secretariat is unable to give partial access.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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<sup>4</sup> Article 4(1)(a), first and second indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

<sup>5</sup> Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.