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Dear Mr. Pye,

Subject: Your request for access to documents - 2014/149

Thank you for your request for access to documents dated 6 November, 2014, which was registered the same day in the EEAS registry for access to documents requests under reference 2014/149, for access to documents under Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, applicable to the EEAS pursuant to Article 11(1) of Council Decision 2010/427 of 26 July 2010 establishing the organization and functioning of the EEAS ("the Regulation").

We understand that you request access to the following documents:

1. "Documents, including correspondence, held by either the EEAS or EU Mission to Cambodia regarding the EU's involvement in Cambodia's Technical Working Group on Forestry Reform (TWG-FR).
2. Documents held by the EEAS regarding funding for and plans for increased involvement in the FLEGT scheme in Cambodia.
3. Records of EU-based buyers that are thought to source timber from Cambodia and Cambodia-origin timber from Vietnam and/or China.
4. Documents and communications related to the operations of the Try Pheap Group of Companies (including MDS Import Export Co Ltd.) in the illegal timber supply chain from Cambodia to neighbouring countries, the EU and North America."

Regarding the documents referred to under item 1, all documents relating to the Technical Working Group on Forestry Reform are actually public and can be found on the following website : <http://twgfr.org/meetings/twg-fr-meeting.html>. All 41 meetings of the TWG-FR up to now are documented there.

Regarding the documents referred to under item 2, we have identified the following document matching your request:

- Multi-annual indicative Programme (2014-2020) for Cambodia.

This document has just been approved and we can therefore give you access to it. Please note that it will also be posted on the EU Delegation's website (http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/cambodia/index_en.htm) in the coming days.

Regarding item 3, neither the EEAS nor the Delegation hold documents containing this information.

Finally, regarding the documents referred to under item 4, we have identified the following documents matching your request:

- Sub-decree n° 385 Sar Chor Nor;
- Sub-decree n° 854 Sar Chor Nor;
- Sub-decree n° 1049 Sar Chor Nor.
- Sub-decree n° 4873 MAFF.

You will find attached the documents concerned in Khmer, together with the unofficial translation also held by the Delegation.

Should you wish this position to be reviewed you may write to the EEAS at the address below, confirming your initial request. You have fifteen working days in which to do so from receipt of this letter, after which your initial request will be deemed to have been satisfied.

The EEAS would inform you of the result of this review within fifteen working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to the documents or confirming the refusal. In the latter case, you would be informed of how you can take further action.

All correspondence should be sent to the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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