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Dear Mr Dohle,

Subject: Your request for access to documents - 2015/116

Thank you for your request for access to documents dated 20 June, 2015, registered the same day in our access to documents register under the reference 2015/116.

We have examined your request in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter the "Regulation"), which is applicable to the EEAS pursuant to Article 11(1) of Council Decision 2010/427/UE of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service.

We understand that you request public access to:

- All internal and external documents/correspondence related to the drafting of a formal exchange of letters/Memorandum of Understanding between Unicef and the EEAS/European Commission. Including, but not limited to, draft documents, legal opinions, consultation with the Council of Ministers/European Parliament.

We would like to inform you that there is still no decision on whether to sign or not an exchange of letters with UNICEF. For this reason we cannot give access to internal exchange of emails on internal consultations with services. We are still working on a future draft with UNICEF which is not ready yet. The disclosure of these pieces of information would seriously undermine the institution's decision making process (Article 4, paragraph 3 of Regulation). The information we are working on for the moment is only preliminary and does not constitute formal consultations. The disclosure of these elements would reveal elements that are not supposed to be of public knowledge until the negotiations are closed at the risk of jeopardizing these negotiations.

Partial disclosure has been considered pursuant to Art 4(6) but is not possible for the above-mentioned reasons.

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:

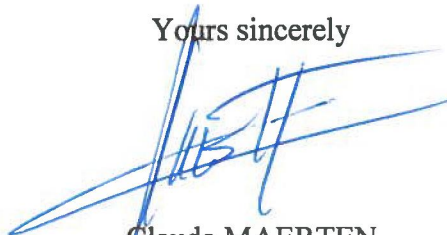
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CM', is written over a large, stylized blue 'X' mark.

Claude MAERTEN