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|  | Brussels, 5 August 2015 |
| Mr Michael BauerEmail: ask+request-2083-d854ea62@asktheeu.org |
| Ref. 15/1690-mj/nsRequest made on: 24.06.2015Extended on : 15.07.2015 |
| Dear Mr Bauer, |

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.[[1]](#footnote-1)

I regret to inform you that access to document **10223/15** cannot be given for the reasons set out below.

This document is a note of 23 June 2015 from the incoming Luxembourg Presidency and the Slovak delegation to Delegations on the assessment of the cooperation in the area of migration in the framework of ASEM.

This document was considered by delegations at the High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration meeting of 1st July and will be further examined by delegations at the meeting of 14 September 2015. On the basis of these discussions, the EU Chair will discuss the issue of the future of the dialogue at the incoming ASEM Directors-General meeting in Singapore in October 2015.

Release of the information contained in this document at this stage would have a negative impact on the relations between the European Union and the Asian partners of ASEM.

Full disclosure of the document would therefore undermine the protection of the public interest as regards international relations. As a consequence, the General Secretariat has to refuse access to the document[[2]](#footnote-2) at this stage.

You can ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply.[[3]](#footnote-3)

Yours sincerely,

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1. 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Article 4(1)(a), third indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

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