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Subject: Your request for access to documents of 5May 2016
Our ref: 2016/044

Dear Mr Girona,

I would like to thank you for your request, for access to documents, which we have examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹.

The document you request is part of an ongoing process, and includes guidelines and options for negotiation and deliberation regarding the possible use of EU Battlegroups.

Since this process is not concluded and the document makes a series of considerations both financial and political, a disclosure to the general public may seriously undermine our negotiation position.

Therefore, we are not in a position to disclose the requested document at this point in time neither as a whole or partially since it could a) seriously undermine the defence and military matters and b) risk undermining the international relations (as per Art 4(1)(a)2nd indent and 4(1)(a)3rd indent of Reg 1049/2001).

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may confirm your initial request within 15 working days.

Yours sincerely

Gabriele Visentin

¹ 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").