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| Dear Applicant*,* | |

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

We would like to recall that "[a]pplications for access to a document shall be made […] in a sufficiently precise manner to enable the institution to identify the document." [[2]](#footnote-2)

Your request covers all documents identifying Council policy on "disenfranchisement", a term you go on to define in a very broad way.

Your request therefore is not precise enough to be processed on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Trying to do so would furthermore require the General Secretariat to make the very subjective assessment of what may constitute "disenfranchisement" in terms of Council policies. A subjective assessment of this kind is neither a role of the General Secretariat nor can it be the subject of a legally defined individual administrative procedure such as the present one.

We may thus invite you to consult our Public Register (<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/>) in order to search for relevant documents yourself.

To be of assistance, we have also run a full text search[[3]](#footnote-3) with the word "disenfranchisement" in registered Council documents, the result of which you will find attached. Any documents with an "N" in the second column can be downloaded via the Public Register.[[4]](#footnote-4) You are welcome to submit requests for access to those of the other documents that may be of interest to you.[[5]](#footnote-5)

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

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 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Including unpublished, but unclassified documents, while you can only do a full text search in public documents in the Public Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Please convert the number in the following way:. ST 5549 2017 INIT → 5549/17. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. You may be able to obtain additional information on these documents by clicking on the document number in the result list of the Public Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)