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Subject: Your request for access to documents of 2 January 2018
Our ref: 2018/003

Dear Mrs Izuzquiza,

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

Following your request, we searched the EEAS database for documents registered after 1 January 2016. I regret to inform you that EEAS found no document containing legal advice and/or analysis on the legality of the training programme provided to the Libyan coastguard in 2016-17.

Please note that EU NAVFOR MED, which is a separate and independent entity with Operation Headquarters in Rome, is responsible for the planning and conduct of EU NAVFOR MED Operation Sophia on the military-operational level. This includes all tasks of the Operation related to the Libyan Coastguard. The EEAS has no access to their database.

The legal basis for the training provided by EUNAVFOR MED is outlined in COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2016/993 of 20 June 2016 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) which I am pleased to forward in attachment to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Gabriele Visentin

