

# EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



Corporate Board Secretariat  
Head of Division a.i.

Brussels, 19 March 2014  
eeas.sg.1(2014)847291

Sara Nanni  
[ask+request-841-8acce9e8@asktheeu.org](mailto:ask+request-841-8acce9e8@asktheeu.org)

Dear Ms Nanni,

Subject: Your request for access to documents - 2013/114  
- partial reply

Thank you for your request dated 16 September 2013, which was registered in the EEAS access to documents registry under reference 2014/114, for access to documents under Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ("the Regulation"), applicable to the EEAS pursuant to Article 11(1) of Council Decision 2010/427 of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the EEAS.

We understand from your request that you would like access to the following documents which contain the information on the Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM), specifically agendas, documents and conclusions considered at COARM meetings that took place between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, and now, considering now as the day we are able to answer.

We informed you by email on 30 October 2013 that it would not be possible to process your request within the time-limit laid down in Article 7(1) and (3) of Regulation No 1049/2001. We also informed you by email on 4 March 2014 that several documents were identified and that a reply will be sent to you as soon as a decision on possible access has been taken.

The EEAS, together with the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, has now finalised the examination of the SEC Coreus related to the meetings between January 2013 and May 2013. These documents are draft annotated agendas and reports of COARM meetings.

Whenever there was a revised version to the initial document, we have only examined the final version set out in the COR as it corresponds to the document relevant to the respective COARM meeting.

Full access can be granted to the following documents:

- SEC/0042/13 - DAA (ATT) meeting on 29.1.2013
- SEC/0084/13 COR 1 - Report (ATT) meeting on 29.1.2013
- SEC/0120/13 - DAA (ATT) meeting on 21.2.2013
- SEC/0187/13 - DAA (ATT) meeting on 12.3.2013
- SEC/0200/13 - Report (ATT) meeting on 12.3.2013
- SEC/0266/13 - DAA (ATT) meeting on 19.4.2013
- SEC/0403/13 - Report (ATT) meeting 29.5.2013

Partial access can be granted to the following documents:

- SEC/0043/13 - DAA meeting on 30.1.2013
- SEC/0083/13 COR 1 - Report meeting on 30.1.2013
- SEC/0153/13 - Report (ATT) meeting on 21.2.2013
- SEC/0117/13 - DAA meeting on 22.2.2013
- SEC/0152/13 COR 1 - Report meeting on 22.2.2013
- SEC/0257/13 - DAA meeting on 18.4.2013
- SEC/0299/13 - Report meeting on 18.04.2013
- SEC/0300/13 - Report (ATT) meeting on 19.4.2013
- SEC/0366/13 - DAA meeting 29.5.2013
- SEC/0402/13 - Report meeting 29.5.2013
- SEC/0365/13 COR 1 - DAA (ATT) meeting 29.5.2013

Pursuant to Article 4(6) of the Regulation, access can be granted to these documents with the exception of some parts which contain internal considerations and opinions drawn up for internal use only, with a view to the discussions in the working party. Some other parts relate to internal opinions regarding relations with third parties. These assessments are merely of an internal nature. Disclosure of these parts would seriously undermine the decision-making process. It would also complicate the EU's political relationship with those third parties and adversely affect the EU's international relations.

Access to these parts of the documents must therefore be refused on the basis of Article 4(1)(a), third indent of the Regulation (protection of the public interest as regards international relations) and in the absence of any evidence of an overriding public interest in release also pursuant to the first and second subparagraph of Article 4(3) of the Regulation (protection of the decision-making process of the Council).

You will find the redacted version of these documents enclosed.

The examination of the SEC Coreus related to the meetings after May 2013 are still in progress and you will be notified as soon as a decision on possible access has been taken.

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:

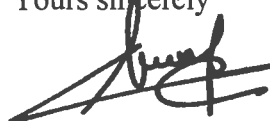
The European External Action Service

EEAS, Office PARC 01/278

B- 1046 Brussels

[access-to-documents@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:access-to-documents@eeas.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely



Carine Claeys

Enclosures