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|  | Brussels, 14 October 2020 |
| Mr Henrique Palumbo  Email: Henrique Palumbo <ask+request-7885-1fcf100c@asktheeu.org> | |
| Ref. 20/1515-vl/nb  Request made on: 02.09.2020  Deadline extension: 23.09.2020 | |
| Dear Mr Palumbo, | |

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

As a reminder, your request focuses on "*documents that cover the history of IntCen / SitCen*".

We apologise for the delay in our reply, caused in particular by the time necessary to collect the relevant information on this topic (disseminated in different documents and produced during almost twenty years), and the difficulty to carry out our research during logistic work constraints owing to the pandemic.

You will find attached the following documents corresponding to your request:

**5607/99, 8238/1/99 REV 1, 5633/01, 8257/01, 8373/01 + REV 1, 11226/01, 12505/01, 14614/01, 15048/01, 8945/2/02 REV 2, 14898/1/02 REV 1, 15211/02, 10010/3/04 REV 3, 10586/04, 10016/07, 13460/3/12 REV 3, 5601/16, 10453/17, 11648/17, 12210/17, 12211/17, 10766/18, 10027/19, 14341/19** and **10047/20.**

Moreover, we identified the following information (herewith enclosed, for your convenience) that may hopefully be useful to complement your research:

- Summary of remarks by Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the CFSP, on Terrorism and Intelligence Co-operation (at the JHA Council on 8.6.2004)

- JHA Council Conclusions on the information sharing mechanism on changes in the national threat level, 2 and 3 December 2010

- JHA Council Conclusions on enhancing the links between internal and external of counter-terrorism, 9 and 10.6.2011

- HR Ashton's answer to parliamentary question E-08808/13 on 3.9.2013

- The text of Regulation (EU) No 513/2014 of 16 April 2014 establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management.

You will also find attached a partially accessible version of documents **10116/07, 10579/1/08 REV 1, 7154/10** and **15870/17**. In the General Secretariat's opinion, full disclosure of these four documents cannot be granted since, having regard to the confidential nature of some parts, their release to the wide public could cause prejudice to public interest with regard to public security (Article 4(1)(a), 1st indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001). However, pursuant to Article 4(6) of the above-mentioned Regulation, you may have access to those parts of the documents that are not covered by any of the exceptions of the Regulation.

Should you wish to deepen your research seleting more specific focus areas from the enclosed documents, please don't hesitate to introduce a new request for public access.

Finally, having regard to the European External Action Service (EEAS) responsibilities in this field, you may also wish to pursue your research contacting also the EEAS services:

<https://www.europa.eu/public-register/>.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: 35

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. Council documents on confirmatory applications are made available to the public. Pursuant to data protection rules at EU level (Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725, if you make a confirmatory application your name will only appear in related documents if you have given your explicit consent. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)