Dear Dr Weretelnik,

**Re: Your application for access to documents – Ref 22-0776**

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/02/2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21/02/2022 under the above mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that Regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, ECDC is not in a position to handle your request.

However, in accordance with the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour, ECDC would like to provide you the following information. NSAs are not among the beneficiaries of the implementation mechanism of the ECDC4Africa CDC project. ECDC is a technical agency and was not part of the development of the new EU strategy with Africa, neither it is involved in the definitions of a monitoring mechanism that is expected to involve civil society, local authorities, and national parliaments. During the implementation of the ECDC4Africa CDC project, the engagement of partners active in the landscape of health security in Africa is defined by the main beneficiary, i.e. Africa CDC. For further questions regarding the strategy of the European Institutions towards Africa, we encourage you to contact the European Commission.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting ECDC’s Director to review this position.
Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the following address:

ECDC
Legal Services
Gustav III:s Boulevard 40
16973 Solna
Sweden

or by email to: confirmatory.requests@ecdc.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Andrea Ammon
Director