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To
Mr Maximilian Henning,
by electronic mail

Subject: Your request for access to documents of 22 February 2022
Our ref: 2022/030

Dear Mr Henning,

I would like to thank you for your request for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.¹

Following your request, we have searched for “*the letter dated 10 October 2009 by Christian Berger, then head of the EU Delegation to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and addressed to Thierry De Saint Maurice concerning the performance of Page Protective Services and mentioned in the following two articles: <https://euobserver.com/very-private/119988> and <https://euobserver.com/very-private/119834>*” in the EEAS filing systems and document management databases.

The EEAS has identified the following document matching partially your request, as referenced hereafter:

1. *Note from Mr Christian Berger (Head of the European Commission Technical Assistance Office to West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA) to the attention of Mr Thierry de Saint Maurice (Director Relex.K), written on 26/10/2009 and registered on 30/10/2009 with Ref. Ares(2009)301941. Subject: Security concerns – performance of security company PAGE.*

Following our examination of the document above, it has been concluded that it contains personal data of natural persons, as well as the description of alleged misconducts and failures in the application of internal procedures by the security company PAGE. Disclosure of this document to the general public would harm the privacy and the moral integrity of the natural

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter the "Regulation").

persons mentioned in the report, as well as the reputation of the company and its legitimate commercial interests.

Therefore, I regret to inform you that we are not in a position to disclose this document at this point in time, neither as a whole or partially, since it could seriously undermine protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data, as well as commercial interests of a legal person, as per Article 4(1)(b) and Article 4(2), first indent of the Regulation 1049/2001.

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may confirm your initial request by lodging a confirmatory application within 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Regulation 1049/2001.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

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