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Dear Mr Teffer,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.\(^1\) We have identified the following documents as corresponding to your request:

- 9471/22 – the draft minutes of the ECOFIN Council meeting on 24/05/2022;

Please find attached document 9471/22 and a partially accessible version of document WK 7619/22.\(^2\) However, I regret to inform you that full access cannot be given to the latter document for the reasons set out below.

Document WK 7619/22 is a presidency note to delegations dated 25 May 2022 containing a report on the discussions of the ECOFIN Council meeting on 24 May 2022. The part of the text that has to be redacted relates to the economic and financial consequences of the Russian aggression on Ukraine.

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Release of the information contained in this part of the document would prejudice relations between the European Union and the third countries involved in this armed conflict. Should its internal views and intentions be made public while the conflict is still ongoing, the position of the Union towards these countries would be seriously weakened.

Full disclosure of the document would therefore undermine the protection of the public interest as regards international relations. Therefore, the General Secretariat has to refuse full access to the document.3

Please note that document WK 7619/22 only exists in the French language version.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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