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By registered letter with AR

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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2022/4072

Dear Mr Glioti,

I refer to your e-mail of 31 August 2022, registered on 01 September 2022, by which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 15 July 2022 in which you requested, I quote:

- Any final (end of project) report and external evaluation report relating to the EU-funded "Enhanced Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (IBM Lebanon Phase 2)" Project (ended in December 2018).
- Any policy briefs, monitoring reports, operational documents, evaluation reports and meeting minutes relating to the EU-funded "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project (ongoing).
- Any trainings material for the Lebanese Armed Forces used during the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase3)" project.

OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

- The list of tender calls for service and supplier contractors relating to the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.
- Any signed contracts with the Franco-Lebanese company "Intertech Group SAL" as part of the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.
- Any communication between EU DG Home and the international organisation named "International Centre for Migration Policy Development" (ICMPD) relating to the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project.
- Any document describing ICMPD's budget for the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project and how these funds have been allocated for different project components.
- The list of current ICMPD advisors for the "Strengthening Capability for Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (EU IBM Lebanon Phase 3)" project

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs. As you did not receive an initial reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 31 August 2022.

The initial reply in question was actually sent on 11 August 2022 under reference number Ares (2022)5702237, but not correctly delivered to you due to a technical error in the transmission. On 31 August, following your confirmatory application, the initial reply was sent back by the responsible Directorate-General and you confirmed its correct receipt on 1 September.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply.

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés Head of Unit