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To
Ms Margarida da Silva
by electronic mail

Subject: Your request for access to documents of 21 September 2022
Our ref: 2022/143

Dear Ms da Silva,

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 documents which contain “the following information regarding the EU’s San Francisco office:
- mandate / terms of reference / job description of the EU Ambassador to Silicon Valley;
- mission letter/ objectives of the office;
- budget & resources of the office;
- policies for handling interactions with interest representatives”, in the EEAS filing systems and documents management databases.

After this search, the EEAS has identified the following document matching your request, as referenced hereafter:

- Information Note for the attention of Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles High Representative Vice-President of the Commission, “Scope and tasks of the EU Office in the San Francisco Bay Area – Draft Concept” dated 28/7/2022.

The document contains an indicative overview of the scope and tasks of the EU Office in San Francisco, prepared for internal use by the EEAS in consultation with relevant European Commission services.

Following our examination of the document, I am pleased to inform you that we have concluded that it can be partially disclosed. It has been redacted to remove those parts of the

document the public disclosure of which could adversely affect the capacity of the EU to pursue its strategic goals and actions in this field, undermining as such the protection of the public interest as regards international relations as per Article 4(a)(1), third indent of the Regulation 1049/2001.

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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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