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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/0064

Dear Mr Henning,

We refer to your email dated 2 January 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents. Your request was registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number. You request access to:

All minutes, agendas, summaries, notes or memos issued before or after; documents prepared for, issued in preparation for, or exchanged during; as well as all correspondence including attachments by either of the meeting parties related to

- 1. the 02.12.2022 meeting between Stina Soewarta and Europe's People's Forum*
- 2. the 08.12.2022 meeting between Werner Stengg and Global Counsel Limited*
- 3. the 12.12.2022 meeting between Penelope Papandropoulos and CMA CGM*
- 4. the 12.12.2022 meeting between Stefania Ujupan and InnoGlobal*
- 5. the 13.12.2022 meeting between Alejandro Cainzos and SAP*
- 6. the 15.12.2022 meeting between Christiane Canenbley and the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.*

Please note that meeting number three (*the 12.12.2022 meeting Penelope Papandropoulos and CMA CGM*) is being dealt with separately by another Directorate-General. It is therefore not part of the scope of this reply.

The following documents have been identified in relation to the meetings 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Meeting 1:

- [Email exchange] Ares(2023)539733 RE_ Møde med bestyrelsen i Bruxelles.pdf
- [Email exchange] Ares(2023)539733 SV_ Møde med bestyrelsen i Bruxelles --_ 2 December at 9_30 confirmed.pdf

- [Minutes] Ares(2023)539806 Minutes - Head of Cabinet Stina Soewart...tor group from Nyt Europa 02122022.pdf

Meeting 2:

- [Email exchange] Ares(2022)8253927 email.pdf
- [Minutes] Ares(2022)8601484 report on meeting of CAB Vestager on metaverse 081222.pdf

Meeting 4:

- [Email exchange] Ares(2022)7266354 email.pdf
- [Minutes] Ares(2022)8714535 email.pdf

Meeting 5:

- [Email exchange] Ares(2022)8689188 SAP Meeting on 13 December RE_Meeting request - SAP - Digital Transformation of European Defence Forces.pdf
- [Minutes] Ares(2022)8683953 Meeting with SAP, 13122022.pdf

Meeting 6:

- [Email exchange] Ares(2022)8676307 email.pdf
- [Minutes] Ares(2022)8676421 7-12-22 Minutes from the meeting with Stuart Dwyer from ITIF.pdf

Concerning meeting 5 (*the 13.12.2022 meeting between Alejandro Cainzos and SAP*), we would like to inform you that disclosure of the related documents would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards defence and military matters. More specifically, it would negatively affect ongoing efforts in the digital transformation of European and non-European Armed Forces. Therefore, the exception laid down in Article 4(1a) second indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 applies to this document.

Redacted versions of the other documents have been attached. Complete disclosure of these identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested

documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Please note that all minutes were drawn up for internal use. They solely reflect the authors' interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on their content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

Elisa Roller

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