Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/1179

Dear Ms. Nouvian,

We refer to your email of 21 February 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

The description given in your application does not enable us to precisely identify the documents corresponding to your request. We therefore invite you, in accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, to provide us with more detailed information.

In particular, we would like to obtain guidance from you as to whether the request to access exchanges between individuals of the European Commission and the lobbies Orthongel, Cepesca, Opagac, Anabac, Europêche and UAPF is to be understood in the sole context of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) or to be extended to comprise all Sustainable Fishing Partnership Agreements (SPFAs) and tropical tunas management in general.

In the case where the request is limited in nature to the context of the IOTC, it will be interpreted as a request to access exchanges between individuals involved at the IOTC, in SPFAs in the Indian Ocean, and management of tropical tuna fisheries in IOTC.

If the request was not intended to be geographically restricted, then it will be interpreted as a request to access exchanges between individuals involved at the IOTC, in SPFAs across the oceans, and management of tropical tuna fisheries in general. In the latter case, we would kindly ask you to clarify what should be understood as “the management of tropical tuna fisheries in general” and whether it includes individuals involved in general fisheries management matters not specific to tropical tuna fisheries but also relevant for tropical tuna fisheries.

If you need assistance in clarifying or specifying your application, you can contact us by e-mail at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx.

The 15 working days to reply to your request will start running only when you reply to this message. If you do not reply within 7 working days, we will close this case in line with our detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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