Dear Ms Säläkivi,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 26/02/2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Negotiations of the 2022 International Coffee Agreement have been carried out by the European Commission after the below Council Decision and negotiating directives:


On question a), there are no “documents (such as agendas, Commission briefing papers and minutes) that relate to meetings as well as correspondence (such as emails, letters, faxes) between Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen, Members of her cabinet, DG INTPA members of staff, and the following:

-any representatives of the International Coffee Organization
-any representatives of the Mercosur States (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay)
-any representatives of the Republic of Kenya
-any representatives of the United States of America

in relation to the negotiations on the 2022 International Coffee Agreement.”

Meetings in relation to the negotiations of the 2022 International Coffee Agreement were only in the framework of the so called “Working Group on the Future of the ICA” that is a group of Members of the International Coffee Organization (and not the Organization itself). Documents and reports are public:

On question 1 b) there have been no “lobby meetings held between officials/representatives of DG INTPA and coffee and international commodities companies since 1 December 2019, in which the 2022 International Coffee Agreement has been discussed” and hence no related documents.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it by mail, to:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email, to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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