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Warsaw, 22 June 2015

Request for access to Frontex documents

Dear Ms Hayat,

Thank you for your request of 22 June 2015 for access to the Frontex Operational Plan for Joint Operation Triton 2015.

I am afraid Frontex cannot provide you with the requested document[1]. The requested document contains detailed information regarding the operational aim and the operational activities in the defined operational area of the ongoing Joint Operation Triton.

Access to the document is refused pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 as the disclosure of the requested document would jeopardize the effective control and surveillance of external sea borders of the EU Member States and the fight against cross border crime and ultimately would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security.

The requested document contains operational information necessary for the conduct of the joint operation aimed at control of the external border. In light of the above, public access to the concerned document and, subsequently, to the information therein, would objectively harm the implementation of the operational activities under the Joint Operation Triton, taking into consideration that the Joint Operation is still ongoing.

Furthermore, disclosure of migration routes and patterns and the positioning of Member States assets would facilitate the criminal networks of migrant smuggling, thus endangering the migrants safety and their fundamental rights, as well as the Member States' crew safety.

Yours sincerely,

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on behalf of
HERVÉ CANIARD

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Head of Legal Affairs Unit

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[1] Please be informed that pursuant to Article 7(1) of the Regulation No. 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, you have the right to make a confirmatory application in accordance with paragraph 2 of the same provision.

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