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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref Ares (2016)1888990:
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Dear Sir / Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 20 April 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21 April 2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 18 May 2016.

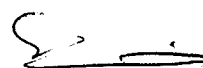
An extended time limit is needed as the application concerns documents requiring a search in the historical archives as well as documents originating from third parties which must be consulted.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 8 June 2016.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Further to this, in your e-mail of 8 May 2016, you point out that the status of your request appears as "awaiting [my] clarification" and you ask what clarification is needed. We are, however, not aware of such indication of the status of your request. As noted in earlier correspondence, the AsktheEU.org website via which you have lodged your application is a private website which has no link with any institution of the European Union.

Yours faithfully,



Stefan Leiner