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|  | Brussels, 23 December 2016 |
| Mr Sean Defoe  Email: ask+request-3570-9cdf952d@asktheeu.org | |
| Ref. 16/2257-csm/mf  Request made on: 18.11.2016  Deadline extension: 09.12.2016 | |
| Dear Mr Defoe, | |

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.[[1]](#footnote-1)

You have asked for "*documents sent to or communication between the Council and Ireland's Taoiseach or government departments with regards to the Brexit vote and its fallout*".

The General Secretariat of the Council regrets to inform you that no documents were identified as corresponding to the wording of your request.

Nevertheless, the General Secretariat would also like to let you know you that the Council will keep EU citizens informed through its website about any potential negotiations with the UK and its future relationship with the Union.

Please consult the web pages below for the latest up-dates on the exploratory talks being conducted by President Tusk, official statements by the President and for the agendas, statements and conclusions of the European Council:

[EU and the UK after the referendum on 23 June 2016 - Consilium](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-uk-after-referendum/)

[Informal meeting of the 27 Heads of State or Government, 15/12/2016 - Consilium](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/european-council/2016/12/15/)

[Informal meeting of the 27 heads of state or government, 16/09/2016 - Consilium](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/european-council/2016/09/16-informal-meeting/)

[Meeting calendar - Consilium](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/calendar/?frDt=&frDt_submit=&toDt=&toDt_submit=&ent%5B%5D=600&p=1&stDt=20160907)

Yours sincerely,

Fernando PAULINO PEREIRA

1. The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)