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*Subject: Your request for access to documents of 04 March 2017*  
*Our ref: 2017/038*

Dear Mr Dohle,

Thank you for your request for access to documents, which we have examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>.

We have identified the following documents related to the EU Delegation's monitoring and follow-up of the situation of the Italian families who adopted children in Congo:

1. A note by the Head of EU Delegation in Democratic Republic of Congo on Adoptions - Approach to the Minister of Justice – 4/12/2015
2. A note by the Head of the EU Delegation in Democratic Republic of Congo on Dialogue article 8 – Meeting with E. Boshab, Ministry of Interior – 19/02/2015
3. An email containing a report from a meeting at UNICEF on children legally adopted and detained in the Democratic Republic of Congo – 26/11/2015.

I am pleased to forward to you, attached to this letter, the two notes (referenced above as 1 and 2). In the note (2) which describes the exchange of views with the Minister of Interior, we have redacted the parts that have no relation to the subject of your request (adoptions).

With regard to the document (3), I regret to inform you that the email cannot be made available to the general public. The reason is that it contains views expressed by Member States, third countries and representatives of UNICEF in a restricted discussion as how to approach the host country on the matter of international adoptions. A unilateral disclosure of the email by EEAS would therefore risk harming our relations with both the countries present at the meeting and with

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter the "Regulation").

the Democratic Republic of Congo, which falls under the exception in Article 4(1)(a) of the Regulation (international relations).

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may confirm your initial request within 15 working days.

Yours sincerely



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