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**Access to documents - GESTDEM 2013/1222 – Correspondence concerning the Conference "Challenges in Adoption Procedure in Europe: ensuring the best interests of the child"**

Dear Mr Dohle,

We have well received your e-mail of 15 May in which you clarify your previous request of 4 March 2013.

You are requesting access to, *"all correspondence related to the organization of the conference, including correspondence, e-mails etc with participants and internal Commission correspondence"*.

As explained to you in our previous reply, the organisation of the conference implied also day-by-day contacts with the colleagues of the Council of Europe, the speakers and the participants, which were mostly held by phone and by e-mail.

We have been able to retrieve from our archives the following internal/external e-mails related to the conference listed below:

- email De Luca/Speakers 8.12.2009
- exchange of e-mails Saastamoinen/Wolfe-Murray 6-26 .11. 2009
- exchange of e-mails Saastamoinen/Post 16-24.11.2009
- exchange of e-mails Saaastamoinen/ Hansink 24.11.2009
- internal e-mail Saastamoinen/ DG Justice, Freedom and Security officials–17.11.2009 on the state of play of participation to the Conference including possibility to add more reimbursed participants.

Personal data of DG Justice, Freedom and Security officials and personal e-mail addresses of speakers and participants are expunged, pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Furthermore, you specify that *"as for the financial file, I would like to receive the terms of reference or other formal description of the objective of the conference, information about the source and amount of funding. Once received, I will decide about the necessity to take up your offer to inspect the financial files at your office in Brussels"*.

In answer to your request please find here:

- the service contract JLS/2009/JCIV/FW/0032/E4 of 17.09.2009
- the amendment to the initial terms of the contract of 25.11.2009
- the legal basis of the contract (Commission's work programme 2009).

We trust these documents contain the information you have asked for.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niovi Ringou', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Niovi Ringou  
Acting Head of Unit