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Request for access to Frontex documents

Dear Mr Semsrott,

In response to your application received on 19 June 2017, asking for access to a list of all vessels currently deployed by Frontex in the Central and Eastern Mediterranean in Operations Poseidon and Triton with basic information about the fleet, including vessel names, callsign, MMSI, flag, port of registry, service speed, vessel type and fuel capacity, I regret to inform you that access to the requested document must be refused.

This refusal is justified by the fact that disclosing information on any details related to technical equipment deployed in the current and ongoing operations would be tantamount to revealing weaknesses and strengths of the operations and opening way for abuse, including by the smuggling networks who would change their modus operandi accordingly. The result of this will only be to hamper the course of ongoing and future similar operations, ultimately obstructing their purpose and the efforts made by the EU and its Member States to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) of the Regulation 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001.

Thank you for your understanding and your interest to Frontex activities.

Yours sincerely,



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OF

Hervé Caniard

Head of Legal Affairs Unit

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may present a confirmatory application. This confirmatory application, in which you may ask for reconsideration of your original request is to be made within 15 working days of receiving our reply. If you make such an application, within 15 working days you will either be granted access to the document or our intention to refuse access, as explained above, will be confirmed. The confirmatory application can be sent by post or electronically.