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|  | Brussels, 24 January 2020 |
| Mr Alberto Alemanno  Email: ask+request-7543-acd3426a@asktheeu.org | |
| Ref. 20/0005-mj/mf  Request made on: 29.12.2019  Registered on: 03.01.2020 | |
| Dear Mr Alemanno, | |

Thank you for your request for access to documents pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001[[1]](#footnote-1).

Upon research, the General Secretariat of the Council was unable to identify any document that would correspond to your request for *"the legal opinion concerning the 2000 Proposal for an Agreement between the European Parliament, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions establishing an Advisory Group on Standards in Public Life - SEC(2000) 2077 final".*

As regards the second part of your application requesting access to *"any legal opinion discussing the EU Ethics framework (of the Council of the EU and/or any other EU institution, agency, body)"* , we would like to ask you some clarifications pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, which provides that *"if an application is not sufficiently precise, the institution shall ask the applicant to clarify the application (…)".*

The General Secretariat of the Council considers that your request is formulated in too general terms which makes the identification of specific documents extremely difficult for the institution. It is not possible for us to ascertain precisely what is covered by your request (which is the context in which you make reference to, whether the requested legal opinion would be relevant to a specific process or Union act, etc.). The request moreover covers a non-defined time-span.

Looking forward to hearing your clarifications, the General Secretariat of the Council is also at your entire disposal for any assistance that you might need in that regard.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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)