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Mr Thomas Rowley

Subject: Your request for access to documents of 13 January 2020
Our ref: 2020/002

Dear Mr Rowley,

Thank you for your request for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹.

After a search in the EEAS filing systems, document management databases and archives, the EEAS has identified the **Internal Note on Amulsar of 17 October 2019**.

Following our examination of the document above, I am pleased to forward to you the partially disclosed document in attachment to this letter.

The document is a note containing subjective assessments and opinions drawn up for internal use only. Firstly, it provides internal analysis of the political situation in Armenia as well as touches upon its environmental and economic aspects with explicit references to existing strengths and vulnerabilities. Secondly, the note includes information concerning interlocutors and international stakeholders.

Full disclosure of the document would seriously undermine our relations with several stakeholders and partners in Yerevan. Moreover, release of some elements might be negatively perceived and lead to detrimental consequences to EU's relations with our interlocutors representing a breach of trust amongst partners.

Finally, such a disclosure could also undermine the institutions decision making process and risk undermining the EU's international relations as per Article 4(1)(a)^{3rd} indent of the Regulation 1049/2001.

¹ 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").

Redactions have also been made in order to respect the provisions on data protection, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation.

I take this opportunity to remind you that the document provided may be reused provided that the source is acknowledged and that you do not distort the original meaning or message of the document.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Visentin', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Gabriele Visentin