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Head of Division

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Subject: Your request for access to documents of 9 March 2020
Our ref: 2020/036

Dear Sir/Madam,

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 regarding your request on copper mine Teghut, the EEAS has identified the **Internal Note of 17 October 2019**.

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

The document is a note containing assessments and opinions drawn up by EU delegation in Yerevan for internal use only. Firstly, it provides internal analysis of the political situation in Armenia and touches upon its environmental and economic aspects with explicit references to existing strengths and vulnerabilities. Secondly, the note includes information concerning EU's international partners.

Full disclosure of the whole document would seriously undermine EU's international relations with our partners in Yerevan, since some of the redacted elements have been shared with the EEAS under the condition of not being distributed to the general public. Moreover, some redacted parts contain internal assessments meant to inform the EEAS representatives and to enable them to shape EU's approach towards its international partners. If those parts were released unilaterally, it would lead to a breach of trust amongst partners and to less information being exchanged with the EU. Therefore, the public disclosure of these elements

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").

will lead to detrimental consequences to EU's relations with its international counterparts and would be prejudicial to the EU's public interests, as per Article 4(1)(a)3rd indent of the Regulation 1049/2001.

Redactions have also been made in order to protect the personal data of individuals (namely identification data such as names and contact details) in accordance with the Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation.

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

Yours faithfully,

[e-signed]

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