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Dear Mr Fanta,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

I regret to inform you that access to documents WK 201/2020, 1525/2020, 13346/2020, 13354/20 + REV1 and 8108/2021 + REV1 cannot be given for the reasons set out below.

The requested documents: **WK 201/2020, 1525/2020, 13346/2020, 13354/20 + REV1** and **8108/2021 + REV1** concern requests by Switzerland for information on restrictive measures.

Having due regard to the outcome of our consultations with the directorate responsible for this policy matter, the General Secretariat is of the opinion that, given the sensitive information contained in these documents, their disclosure cannot be authorized since it would cause prejudice to public interest as regards public security and international relations and would also undermine personal data protection.²


We have also looked into the possibility of releasing parts of these documents. However, as the information therein contained forms an inseparable whole, the General Secretariat is unable to give partial access.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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4 Council documents on confirmatory applications are made available to the public. Pursuant to data protection rules at EU level (Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725, if you make a confirmatory application your name will only appear in related documents if you have given your explicit consent.