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Via e-mail only

Subject: Your application for public access to documents

Dear Mr Fanta,

We refer to your application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, submitted via AsktheEU.org website. You requested access to the following documents: "The final report, draft final report or any other summary report of the preliminary investigation by OLAF into a possible conflict of interest of Commissioner Johannes Hahn, as first reported by French daily Liberation on December 1st, 2021".

After having carried out the necessary verifications and consulted the relevant services within OLAF, we regret to inform you that OLAF does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. However, OLAF holds no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application. Therefore, OLAF is not in a position to fulfil your request.

¹ OJ L145, 31.05.2001, page 43.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting OLAF to review this position. Pursuant to Article 4 of Commission Decision 2001/937/EC, ECSC, Euratom, such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Director General of OLAF.

Any confirmatory application to OLAF should be sent to the following address:

Mr Ville ITÄLÄ Director General OLAF European Commission B-1049 BRUXELLES BELGIUM

We apologise for the delay in replying to your application.

Your attention is drawn to the privacy statement below.

Yours sincerely,

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