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Dear Mr Jeroen LENAERT,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/1929

We refer to your e-mail dated 12/04/2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day by DG HOME, and transferred to our Service, FPI, on 20/04/2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *'documents which contain the following information:*

- *Description of the "CT CLOSE" counter-terrorism project funded by the European Commission, including the expected outcomes, implementing modalities, funding available;*
- *List of implementing partners/entities;*
- *List of beneficiaries'*

Having examined the information requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of this Regulation.

The information you requested cannot be disclosed because its disclosure would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards the public security of the partner countries in which the programme CT CLOSE works. In fact, putting this information in the public domain could threaten the safety and security of several participating entities and partners as well as it would affect the implementation and outcome of the programme. Therefore, the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(a), first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 applies to the information requested.

We have considered whether partial access could be granted to the documents requested. It was however considered that partial access could not be granted because the documents are

covered by the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(a), first indent of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 in its entirety. In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)

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Yours faithfully,

/e-signed/

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