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Mr Arun Dohle

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Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/1848

Dear Mr Dohle,

We refer to your request for access to Commission documents registered on 24.3.2023 under case number EASE 2023/1848. You requested access to: *All data/documents available on the subject: 1993 Hague Convention - intercountry adoption as filed in File: AS4046.*

We take note of your reply to our proposal for a fair solution.

You replied: *As a start, you may send us a printout (pdf) of the content/sheet of the digital archive file on The Hague Adoption Convention, as kept in ARES and ADONIS mail registration IT systems. We can then decide which documents we would wish to be made public.*

Following your reply, we have checked again our archives and ascertained that, at the date of your request (24.3.2023), the Ares folder 2010-AS4046 only contained data related to the period 2020-2024. Documents pertained to precedent years are not currently in the folder 2010-AS4046 to which you make explicit reference and are therefore outside the scope of your request.

We attach the sheet reporting these data for your perusal.

Please note that a complete disclosure of the sheet is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested document, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Please let us know which documents of this list are of interest for you.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
Andreas STEIN
Head of Unit

1 Enclosure