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*Subject: Your request for access to documents*  
*Our ref: 2016/025*

Dear Ms. Cingotti,

I would like to thank you for your request of 25 March 2016, for access to documents, which we have examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>.

After consultation with the responsible division within the EEAS, we are pleased to inform you that we can grant you access to all the documents originating from EU institutions. You will therefore find these documents attached to this letter.

However, disclosure of some personal data contained in the requested documents would be contrary to art 4(1)(b) of the Regulation (i.e. right for privacy), and were therefore expunged. I would like to also remind you that these documents may not be copied or reproduced for commercial purposes without prior consultation with the EEAS.

In our research we have also identified documents held by the EEAS but originating from third parties. In accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001 we are obliged to consult the third parties concerned about the possible releasability of the documents concerned. You will find the list of those documents annexed to this letter, and we invite you communicate to us

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<sup>1</sup> 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").

which documents you would like to receive. We will then send the relevant consultation requests to the originators, and will come back to you when we receive their replies.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GVA' with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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