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Dear Mr Brown,

Subject: Your request for access to documents 2013/020

Thank you for your request dated March the 1st, 2013, which was registered in the EEAS access to documents registry under reference 2013/020, for access to the following document under Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ("the Regulation"):

"a document which I know exists, but only have limited information on and do not know its title. I think it was produced by the Commission sometime in 2005, certainly by April. The document pertained to the EU's future relations with China and Japan and was cited by Alexander Lamsdorff in the European Parliament on 25th April, 2005 (reference to oral question: H-0330/05)."

We have identified the oral question you are referring to, which makes reference to "a Commission document forwarded to some MEPs", most probably relating to "Future EU relations with China and Japan". We could however not find any more information on the document, as the question has not been put on the agenda of the EP plenary meeting and did therefore not receive a reply from the Council to which the question was put.

In the absence of additional information and considering the vagueness of the information provided in the request, our geographical division has not been able to identify the document requested.

Information on the state of the EU-China relations, and in particular the arms embargo, can nevertheless be found in the EU-China Summits joint statements that are available on the EEAS website (http://eeas.europa.eu/china/previous_summits_en.htm).

Should you wish this position to be reviewed you may write to the EEAS at the address below, confirming your initial request. You have fifteen working days in which to do so from receipt of this letter, after which your initial request will be deemed to have been satisfied.

The EEAS would inform you of the result of this review within fifteen working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to the documents or confirming the refusal. In the latter case, you would be informed of how you can take further action.

All correspondence should be sent to the following address:

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Yours sincerely



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