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Ms. Luisa Izuzquiza
Access Info Europe

Sent by email only: Luisa Izuzquiza <ask+request-4957-4c4be90c@asktheeu.org>

Subject: Access to documents request – Legal Advice on trainings to Libyan Coast Guard – Ref. No. 8299

Dear Ms. Izuzquiza,

Reference is made to your e-mail dated 2 January 2018, in which Access Info Europe made a request for access to documents related to all documents generated or received by EASO containing legal advice and /or an analysis of the legality of the trainings delivered to Libyan Coast Guard and Navy Officers carried out in the framework of the EUNAVFOR MED operation Sophia.

Your request has been registered under number 8299.

Your application has been treated as a request falling under the provisions of Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, which also applies for EASO documents, and in accordance with Decision No 6 laying down practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents of EASO, as adopted by its Management Board on 20 September 2011.

Having carefully examined Access Info Europe application, and further to your informal on phone discussion with EASO representative, we would like to provide you with the following information concerning the EUNAVFOR MED training mandate:

The Operation Sophia's mandate was extended on 20 June 2016 by the Council of the European Union until 27 July 2017, reinforcing it by adding two supporting tasks, one of them being training of the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy. We enclose the relevant Council decision 2019/993 to the present letter.

The Memorandum of Understanding, signed between EUNAVFOR MED and the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy on 23 August 2016, states that the training of the Libyan trainees will be articulated into three packages. The Training Package 2 is aimed to train the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy in basics of maritime security skill and is a shore-based training conducted in training facilities provided by Members States or a Third State neighbouring Libya. The Italian module of TP2 is presently articulated into 5 submodules and is being delivered in the IT Navy Training Facilities of La Maddalena and Taranto. EASO has delivered training sessions within two out of five submodules. Two sessions were given within Submodule D (training for 8 trainers) on:

- E-learning (3-4 October, Taranto)
- Methods and teaching techniques (5-6 October, Taranto).

Within Submodule A EASO delivered one training session (88 petty officers) on Access to the Asylum Procedure (27 October, Taranto).



On 25th July 2017 the Council of the European Union added additional tasks for EUNAVFOR MED, including the obligation to set up a monitoring mechanism of the long-term efficiency of the training of the Libyan Coastguard and Navy. We enclose the above mentioned Council decision 2017/1385 to the present letter.

Please find also attached Info Note from September 2017, informing the EASO Management Board on the planned training activities within the framework of the EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA.

We sincerely hope that the documents attached to the present letter, in conjunction with the indications on the links available for consultation, answer your queries as to EASO in particular linked to your application.

If you want this position to be reviewed you should write to EASO at the address below, confirming your initial request. Your confirmatory request should be sent within 15 working days from receipt of this letter. I will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to the document or confirming the refusal. In the latter case, you will be informed of how you can take further action. All correspondence should be sent by one of the following methods:

By post:

The Executive Director
European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
MTC Block A, Winemakers Wharf,
Grand Harbour Valletta, MRS 1917
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By electronic mail:

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Yours sincerely,

José Carreira
Executive Director