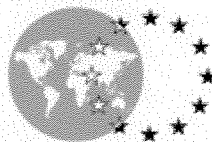


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Subject: Your requests for access to documents of 15 May 2018 (as clarified on 25 June and 6 July 2018)

Our ref: 2018/080 and 2018/081

Dear Ms. Douo,

Thank you for your requests for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹.

1. Your request 080/2018 (EU Delegation Geneva, "corporate accountability")

Based on the clarification which you provided on 6 July 2018, we asked the EU Delegation in Geneva to search in their local document archive for correspondence relating to meetings, since January 2016, which match the words "corporate accountability". I regret to inform you that the EU Delegation found no registered documents matching these search criteria.

2. Your request 081/2018 (meetings involving officials/representatives/Commissioner/cabinet member of the EEAS, "corporate liability")

We note that this request is similar to your previous demand for documents from meetings regarding the UN Guiding Principles and the UN Treaty on business and human rights. We therefore first of all refer to the documents which we forwarded to you on that topic in our reply to your requests 078/2018-079/2018, which you received from our services on 11 July 2018.

With regard to your new request 081/2018, and based on the clarification reply which you sent us on 25 June 2018, we asked the division in charge in Headquarters to also conduct a computer search in the EEAS document management database for meeting documents, since

¹ 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").

September 2016, which matched the following search words "*corporate liability*" + UN+meetings. Based on those encoding criteria, four documents were listed but not directly linked to meetings by EEAS officials:

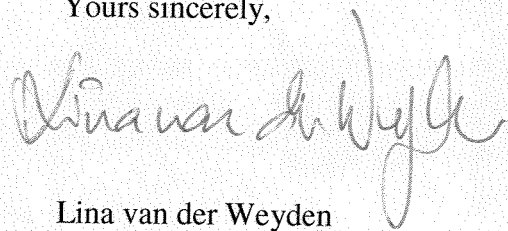
1. 171109 LTT business and human rights_GLOBAL1.pdf
2. 171020 Final EU lines for OEIWG .pdf
3. Ref. Ares(2017)4767891 - 29/09/2017 "Report on the second session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights*"
4. Draft report on the third session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights.

We note that you already received these documents in previous replies, but - for sake of clarity - we forward them again in attachment to this letter. I kindly remind you that the documents may not be copied or reproduced for commercial purposes without prior consultation with the EEAS.

In response to your comments that you were unable to specify clearer which exact documents you wanted to request access to, we invite you to make use of the e-EEAS register, which is a public register established to facilitate for requestors to search for documents and directly download those that are public. The e-EEAS register also provides lists with documents that are not yet public, but can be requested and identified based on their specific document reference numbers and dates:

<http://www.europa.eu/public-register/>

Yours sincerely,



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