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Mr Mateo Bianchi Fossati

*Subject: Your request for access to documents of 26 August 2019*  
*Our ref: 2019/144*

Dear Mr Bianchi Fossati,

Thank you for your request for access to documents in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>.

The documents and information you request are related to individual persons. We therefore must take into account the relevant provisions of EU law regarding the protection of personal data when dealing with your request. I regret to inform you that we cannot provide the individual information requested in points 1-4, pursuant to Article 4 paragraph 1(b) of Regulation 1049/2001, which prevents access "*where disclosure would undermine [...] privacy and the integrity of the individual in particular regarding the protection of personal data.*"

The salaries of officials in EU Delegations (including the Ambassadors) are determined - as for all other EU officials - on the basis of a basic salary grid (see enclosure) adopted annually by a Council regulation and by the relevant associated allowances as provided for in the Staff Regulations.

The level of remuneration of officials in Delegations is determined by their category and grade, i.e. not by their position in the organisational chart of the Delegation. The same rules apply for all officials working in delegations (whether EEAS or Commission staff), including the Heads of Delegation (AD9 to AD16).

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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").

Regulation No 1049/2001 only applies to requests of Access to Documents. Please be informed that we could not find any documents corresponding to the questions you raise in points 5-6.

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may confirm your initial request within 15 working days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Visentin', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gabriele Visentin