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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/0101

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 06/01/2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 07/01/2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

1. Your request

You request access to “a list of meetings of the EU Internet Forum in 2020 and 2021, and a list of all participants and topics discussed during the meetings of the EU Internet Forum in 2020 and 2021.”

2. Identification of documents requested

Your application concerns agendas and list of participants relating to the following meetings of the EU Internet Forum:

- 5 May 2020: Technical meeting on right-wing terrorist and violent extremist content online
- 2 July 2020: Senior Officials meeting

- 31 August 2020: EU Crisis Protocol workshop
- 26 October 2020: Workshop on right-wing terrorist groups and symbols online
- 23 November 2020: Table Top Exercise: EU Crisis Protocol
- 26 January 2021: EU Internet Forum Ministerial
- 22 March 2022: Meeting with Member States on reference list of right-wing terrorist groups and symbols online
- 21 June 2021: Senior Officials meeting
- 17 September 2021: workshop on potential risks related to the misuse of algorithmic amplification techniques
- 4 October 2021: Workshop on misuse of video-making by violent extremists
- 5 November 2021: Table Top Exercise: EU Crisis Protocol
- 16 November 2021: EU Internet Forum Senior Officials meeting
- 8 December 2021: EU Internet Forum Ministerial

We have identified 26 documents: the agendas and list of participants of the thirteen meetings listed above. You will find them in annex to this letter.

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that these documents may be disclosed.

However, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

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Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

3. Disclaimer

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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Annex(es):

List of documents

Documents released: 26