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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Subject: Your application for access to documents ref EASE 2023/1713

Dear Mr Arun Dohle,

I refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 20/03/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Initially your request sent on 3 March 2023 referred to “all data related to contact with the Dutch Ministry of Justice over the last 10 years”. Following a request for clarification to which you replied on 20 March 2023, you specified that your request concerns “documents/data on intercountry adoption and/or cross-border adoption between the Dutch Ministry of Justice and our services in the context of trafficking in human beings, child trafficking for the last five years”. We wish to inform you that the date on which the clarification was received is deemed to the date of registration of the request for the purpose of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001.

I regret to inform you that the Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application, referring to “documents/data on intercountry adoption and/or cross-border adoption between the Dutch Ministry of Justice and our services in the context of trafficking in human beings, child trafficking for the last five years”.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, it is not in a position to fulfil your request.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of another Directorate-General, parts of your request have been attributed to another Directorate-General. This reply relates only to the files covered by the Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs. You will receive the reply from the other Directorate-General in due course.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076

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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Monique Pariat

Director-General

¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>