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Subject: Your request for access to documents of 24 July 2016
Our ref: 2016/070

Dear Mr Skvariks,

Thank you for your request, for access to documents, which we have examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹.

Concerning your request of access to correspondence between HR/VP Mogherini or her Cabinet with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs and Prime Minister Māris Kučinskis, within the time periods indicated in your request, I am pleased to forward to you two letters from HR/VP Mogherini sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia.

I kindly remind you that the documents may not be copied or reproduced for commercial purposes without prior consultation with the EEAS.

In our research, we also identified documents held by the EEAS but originating from Foreign Minister Rinkēvičs, dated 18 May 2016 and 9 June 2016 respectively. In accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001 we are obliged to consult the third party concerned about the possible releasability of these documents. We received the consent by the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the letter dated 18 May 2016 which you find attached.

The second letter is still undergoing the consultation process since it has several originators. We will come back to you when we receive the final reply from the concerned third parties.

Yours sincerely

Gabriele Visentin

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").

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