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Subject: Your request for access to documents of 8 May 2018
Our ref: 2018/074

Dear Ms Potjomkina,

Thank you for your request for access to a document, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹. This reply concerns the request you addressed to the EEAS. The European Commission will also send you a separate reply to the initial request which concerned their documents.

On the basis of your request, the EEAS has identified the minutes of the 14th EU-Republic of Korea Joint Committee, Brussels - 15 December 2017.

In accordance with Article 4 of the Regulation, the EEAS is obliged to consult the third party concerned on possible disclosure of their documents.

I regret to inform you that we have received a reply from the Korean authorities, in which they clearly object to a public disclosure of the document. Based on that information, and after a thorough assessment of the bilateral nature of the content of the document, we have concluded that the EEAS cannot unilaterally disclose the minutes of the 14th EU-Republic of Korea Joint Committee, since it would risk undermining our international relations with Korea (as per Article 4(1)(a)^{3rd} indents of the Regulation 1049/2001).

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

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").