Subject: Your request for access to documents of 5 October 2018
Our ref: 2018/155

Dear Mr Fonk,

Thank you for your request for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

This letter is in reply to your question whether the document which you received from us on 5 October 2018 belonged to a more generic document or letter explaining the reforms, and if you could obtain access to that document. Having reviewed the issue, I can inform you that the "Matrix on priority reforms" (Matrix) document, which you received, was originally prepared for a visit of the Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood, Štefan Füle, to Ukraine in April 2010, and was an annex to his briefing for this visit.

The briefing includes politically sensitive elements which were discussed in the spirit of confidentiality between the European Union and Ukraine. The EEAS considers that a public disclosure of the briefing could be detrimental to the Union's relations with the partner country, as well as other international actors, with whom the European Union must maintain good diplomatic relations.

Therefore, I regret to inform you that we are not in a position to disclose the requested document at this point in time, neither as a whole nor partially since it could risk undermining the international relations as per Article 4(1)(a) line 3 of Regulation 1049/2001.

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

However, while we cannot grant you access to the briefing itself, allow me to point out that the Matrix draws on the EU-Ukraine Association Agenda, adopted in 2009 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52009PC0381).

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We also remain at your disposal to provide you with further information in dialogue. For this purpose you can contact Head of Division of Eastern Partnership - bilateral relations Mr Richard Tibbels (richard.tibbels@eeas.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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