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Ref. Your complaint 360/2021/TE to the European Ombudsman

Dear Mr Teffer,

In a letter of 18 June 2021, the European Ombudsman informed the Council of the outcome of her inquiry into your complaint against the decision of the Council to refuse full access to internal documents concerning the trilogue negotiations on the proposal for a Regulation on the type approval of motor vehicle emissions (our ref. confirmatory application 01/c/01/21).

The Ombudsman did not find an instance of maladministration in the handling of your confirmatory application and agreed with the Council's reasoning in its additional observations of 19 April 2021 as regards the inquiry into your complaint.

The Ombudsman made a proposal for a solution consisting of giving you access to three additional four-column documents not identified at the stage of the confirmatory application, but used during the trilogues negotiations with the European Parliament and identified in the course of the inquiry.

I'm pleased to inform you that the Committee of the Permanent Representatives decided yesterday on behalf of the Council to accept the proposal of the Ombudsman.

You will find enclosed three 4-column documents shared with the European Parliament during the first three trilogue meetings on the legislative proposal in question.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

Link to documents: <https://we.tl/t-CWzghKsETz>