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Request for public access to ECB documents

Dear professor,

On 26 February 2021 the European Central Bank (ECB) received your application for public access to the *“any document pertaining to the internal deliberation on the secondary mandate in the Governing Council between 1998 and 2003 [in particular where it concerns the four arguments from the speech at the 2020 ECB Watchers conference by Christian Noyer]; and any documents pertaining to the secondary mandate in the context of the 2003 review of the monetary policy strategy”*.

On 19 March 2021, due to the increased workload created by a high number of simultaneous requests, the ECB extended the time limit for its reply by an additional 20 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of [Decision ECB/2004/3](#)¹.

Identification of the requested document

After having carefully examined your request in accordance with Decision ECB/2004/3, we have identified one ECB document of relevance to your application, namely the note of 29 January 2002 entitled “Clarifying the nature of ECB support for general economic policies in the Community”.

Assessment of the requested document for disclosure

Following a thorough assessment in accordance with the requirements set out in Decision ECB/2004/3, the ECB considers that full access to the documents can be granted since none of the exceptions listed in Article 4 of that Decision apply.

¹ Decision ECB/2004/3 of the European Central Bank of 4 March 2004 on public access to European Central Bank documents (OJ L 80, 18.3.2004, p. 42).

The requested document is made available on the ECB's Public Register of Documents².

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Petra Senkovic
Director General Secretariat

[signed]

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Head of the Compliance and Governance Division

² See the [ECB's Public Register of Documents](#).