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Mr Mark Scott

Subject: Your request for access to documents of 6 May 2021

Our ref: 2021/089

Dear Mr Scott,

Thank you for your request for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.¹

The EEAS confirms there has not been an internal audit for the period you mention. However, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) is finalising an extensive external audit, that includes in its scope the work of the EEAS' Strategic Communication Division and its Task Forces in 2019 and 2020.

The audit on EU actions against disinformation is being conducted under the authority and competence of the ECA. The performance audit is not EEAS exclusive, but also includes activities of EU institutions and EU Member States. The ECA's work is due to conclude shortly, with the final Special Report anticipated for publication in June 2021. The EEAS is not authorised to divulge any information about the ongoing audit in accordance with Article 4(2) 3rd indent of the Regulation.

The ECA's Special Reports present the results of selected performance and compliance audits of specific spending or policy areas, or budgetary or management issues. Further information on upcoming publications can be found on the European Court of Auditor's website <https://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/ep/en/Pages/Years.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

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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").