



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID
OPERATIONS (ECHO)

The Director-General

Brussels
ECHO.E.3/KS

**E-mail with acknowledgment of
receipt**

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/7615

Dear Ms Vázquez,

We refer to your request of 8 December 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 December 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

The documents you requested is about *“European jurisdiction or mechanisms to 1) bring charges against the military of a member state, 2) prevent the military of a member state to overthrow the elected government, and 3) protect the citizens from the threats of its own military”*.

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. With the help of Secretariat-General of the Commission, we have also consulted Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, as well as European External Action Service (EEAS); however, no documents were identified which would correspond to your request. As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

According to standard operational procedure, the reply is usually also sent to you by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during to the COVID-19 epidemics, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, this communication will be sent only by e-mail.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to ECHO-DOC-ACCES@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

[E-signed]

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