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## Request for access to documents

By e-mail on 20 October 2023, you have requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for access to documents by the following terms:

”Under Denmark’s Public administration Act (Lov om offentlighed i Forvaltningen nr. 6060 af 12/06/2013), I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

All information (including but not limited to all e-mail correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings) AND the meeting minutes/notes relating to the meeting between Ambassador CARSTEN GRØNBECH-JENSEN and Agridan on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.”

As mentioned to you during our telephone conversation on 22 October 2023 Ambassador Carsten Grønbech-Jensen first took up his current position on 1 September 2023. The meeting referred to took place while Ambassador Per Fabricius Andersen was still heading the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union in Brussels.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has processed your request in accordance with the rules on the right to access to documents under The Danish Access to Public Administration Files Act (Offentlighedsloven) – the ‘Access to Public Administration Files Act’, hereafter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has conducted a search in the Ministry’s records etc. for documents relevant to your request. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has identified documents, deemed to fall within the scope of your request. The list of case documents is attached to this decision.

The documents you have been granted access to are enclosed, including explanatory notes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has exempted one document in accordance with the rules on the right to access to documents. The exemptions are listed in the explanatory notes with reference to the relevant sections in the Access to Public Administration Files Act.

According to section 23 (1), no. 1 of the Access to Public Administration Files Act, the right of access does not include internal documents. The Ministry and the diplomatic missions account for one integrated representation and is one single authority, cf. section 2 in The Law of Foreign Service (lov nr. 150 af 13. april 1983) as changed in 1997 (lov nr. 331 af 14. maj 1997). In accordance with section 23 (1) no. 1, documents are internal, when they have not been distributed outside of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has exempted one internal document. This pertains to an internal e-mail about the meeting. The document does not contain factual information that has to be extracted in accordance with section 28 (1).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has considered whether access to the exempted information shall be granted in accordance with the principle of additional access to information as governed by section 14 (1) of the Access to Public Administration Files Act. The Ministry has balanced the considerations and principles governed by section 23 (1), no. 1 of the Access to Public Administration Files Act against the legitimate interest you are assumed to have in having your request for access to information accommodated. Following this assessment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs finds no grounds to grant access to the concerned documents.

It is not possible to appeal this decision to a higher administrative authority.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone +4525267654, or by e-mail at [annehr@um.dk](mailto:annehr@um.dk).

Sincerely,

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