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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 offentliggørelse af oplysninger 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 the Danish Chamber of Commerce on 6<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 also enclosed along with explanatory notes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has exempted certain documents as well as information in accordance with the rules on the right to access to documents. The exemptions are listed on the document of 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 the Access to Public Administration Files Act, the right of access does not include internal documents. 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 certain internal documents and information. This pertains to, for example internal e-mails about the meeting.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has assessed that the exempted documents contain information concerning the actual basis of the case, which may be extracted, in accordance with section 28 of the Access to Public Administration Files Act and shall be assessed with reference to sections 30-33 of said Act. The information in reference hereto is enclosed with this decision.

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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