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The Director-General

Brussels,

May Bulman

Per e-mail with acknowledgment of receipt: ask+request-139801a4fb441@asktheeu.org

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref EASE 2023//7510**

Dear Ms Bulman,

We refer to your e-mail of 22/12/2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your application you request access to documents which contain the following information:

*1. A letter from the EU Commission to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on 20 October 2023 states: “The objective is to hold an EU-Tunisia Association Council by the end of the year to tackle many aspects of the bilateral partnership, including the situation of human rights and fundamental values in the country”. Please provide the minutes from this meeting.*

*2. “Two programmes were signed at the beginning of October with the UNHCR and IOM for respectively €8m and €13m to support Tunisia on protection and assisted voluntary returns to countries of origin”. How many voluntary returns facilitated by the IOM or UNHCR have taken place from Tunisia in each month of 2023? Please provide a breakdown of nationalities for each year.*

*3. “In order to keep track of the spending, ensure its efficiency and its compliance, the European Commission monitors its programmes through several means, including regular reports from implementing partners, external evaluation, verification missions and specific results-oriented monitoring exercise. The EU Delegation in Tunis is in contact with the Tunisian MoI as part of the ongoing partnership”. Please provide:*

*a) Copies of the “regular reports from implementing partners” referenced above from the past year*

*b) All “external evaluation” reports referenced above from the past year*

*c) All documentation relating to the “verification missions” referenced above from the past year*

*d) All documentation relating to the “specific results-oriented monitoring exercise” referenced above from the past year*

*e) Any correspondence that has taken place between the EU delegation in Tunis and the Tunisian Ministry of Interior as part of the “ongoing partnership” referenced above from the past year*

We regret to inform you that DG HOME does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. The information requested is not included in any existing document. Given that we do not hold any such documents, DG HOME is not in a position to comply with your request for access.

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  
B-1049 Brussels  
or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Finally, I note that your request has been submitted outside the EASE portal. Therefore, I would appreciate, if you could acknowledge receipt of the present letter by sending an email to [HOME-ACCESS-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HOME-ACCESS-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

Beate Gminder  
Acting Director-General  
(e-signed)