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**Request for access to Frontex documents**

Dear Mr Stefan,

This letter is to respond to your application received on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2017, requesting:

1. Recommendations submitted toward the end of 2016 by the Consultative Forum of FRONTEX under Article 70 Reg 2016/1624 to FRONTEX, including but not limited to the Consultative Forum's Recommendation issued to the Agency's Deputy Executive Director and the Management Board Chair referred to in the Fourth Annual Report of the FRONTEX Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights (p. 39).
2. All written communications produced by FRONTEX in reply to and/or in relation of the above mentioned recommendations, including replies by the Executive Director of FRONTEX to the FRONTEX Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights.

I am pleased to inform you that Frontex agrees to provide you with requested documents. You may find them in the attachment to this correspondence.

Please note, however, that some limited parts of the documents you have requested are blanked out, since they contain the name and signature of persons involved in Frontex activities. The disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the privacy and the integrity of the persons concerned and constitute a violation of EU laws regarding the protection of personal data. In this regards the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the copyright of the document rests with Frontex and that the existing rules on copyrights may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released document.

Yours sincerely,



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OF

Hervé Caniard  
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Attachments:

1. Recommendation by the Consultative Forum to the Executive Director and Management Board of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex).
2. Letter of the Executive Director of Frontex to the Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights (7 March 2017).
3. Letter of the Executive Director of Frontex to the Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights (1 February 2017).

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may present a confirmatory application. This confirmatory application, in which you may ask for reconsideration of your original request is to be made within 15 working days of receiving our reply. If you make such an application, within 15 working days you will either be granted access to the document or our intention to refuse access, as explained above, will be confirmed. The confirmatory application can be sent by post or electronically.