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To
Mr Frédéric Baldan
by electronic mail

Subject: Your request for access to documents of 14 March 2025
EEAS reference: 2025/039

Dear Mr Baldan,

I would like to thank you for your request for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.¹

Following your request, we have searched in the EEAS filing systems and document management databases for the requested documents, namely:

- “1. All documents relating to the investigations carried out by your services of the regularity of the European elections. In particular, those relating to the examination carried out by EEAS of foreign intelligence (or foreign entities) having used TikTok to interfere in the elections of EPP members including Mrs Roberta Metsola.*
- 2. The same kind of document related to the last election of French President Emmanuel Macron (whose TikTok account is followed by 5,300,000 followers and has 47,200,000 likes). A useful reminder that the French President sits on the Council and His candidacy benefited from visibility granted by TikTok's algorithms.*
- 3. Same for the Romanian elections (the one canceled and the current). The favorite candidate of the last canceled election (Călin Georgescu) has almost 8 times fewer followers and 10 times fewer likes on TikTok than the French President, even though France has only 3.6 times as many citizens as Romania. The ratio of her likes on TikTok to the population doesn't seem any different from Roberta Metsola's.*

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, of 31.5.2001, p. 43, hereafter the "Regulation"), as applied by the EEAS pursuant to Article 11(1) of the Council Decision 2010/427/EU of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service (OJ L 201, of 3.8.2010, p. 30).

4. *All correspondence issued or received by EEAS advising or requesting the EPP Group, Mrs Metsola, President Macron and Călin Georgescu to shut their TikTok accounts down.*
5. *Any report or study showing TikTok's direct contribution to votes for MEPs and candidates to heads of state (notably showing that the views on TikTok directly impact the voters' choices)''*

I regret to inform you that no documents matching your request have been identified following this search.

As specified in Article 2(3) of the Regulation, 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 EEAS, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may submit a confirmatory application within 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Regulation.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

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