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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/2340

Dear Mr Nielsen

I refer to your request for European Commission documents registered on 6 May 2024 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to the latest version of “*the document, formally known as the Global Approach to Migration Management (GAMM) update, covering dialogues and processes since 2005, that provides a state of play on the externalisation of migration and is sent to the delegations*”.

The following document has been identified as falling within the scope of your application: Table on external cooperation on migration of 05.02.2024, ref Ares(2024)4405645.

Having examined the identified document under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter 'Regulation 1049/2001')¹, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted.

The document which you seek to obtain provides a detailed overview of the EU high-level engagement world-wide and contains sensitive information related to events between the EU and third countries in respect of migration. The disclosure of this document would allow for comparison of the EU's engagement between countries and regions (existence of engagement with certain partners, the levels of engagement, more or less engagement, more or less high-level visits, etc). This could undermine the EU's international relations with some third countries.

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

In accordance with the third indent of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation 1049/2001, “[t]he institutions shall refuse access to a document where disclosure would undermine the protection of [...] the public interest as regards [...] international relations”. Given the sensitive content of the requested document, I consider that it falls under this exception.

I have also considered whether partial access could be granted to the document requested. However, my assessment showed that the considerations mentioned above apply to the entire content of the document.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it by mail, to:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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or by e-mail, to: 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.

Yours faithfully,

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