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Ref. 25/2691

Request made on: 24.09.2025

Dear Mr Fanta,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

You have requested access to *“all working documents dating from this year held by the Council regarding the UN plastics treaty”*.

As a first step, the following documents were identified as falling within the scope of your request:

- **WK 7024/2025 INIT**: The Nice wake up call for an ambitious plastics treaty - Declaration in view of UNOC-3
- **WK 7139/2025 INIT**: WPIEI (Global): The Nice wake up call for an ambitious plastics treaty - Request by the Commission for authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument (NBI) – INFORMAL SILENCE PROCEDURE
- **WK 7139/2025 ADD 1**: WPIEI (Global): The Nice wake up call for an ambitious plastics treaty - Request by the Commission for authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument (NBI) – END OF INFORMAL SILENCE PROCEDURE

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: 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, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

Please find attached document WK 7139/2025 ADD 1 and the other two documents – only redacted for personal data.²

If your request covers all working documents issued in 2025 for the preparation of the negotiations for the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2), the number of documents covered by your request will be considerable.

The General Secretariat is examining your request on the basis of the applicable rules. We wish, however, to draw your attention to Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on access to documents, which provides that "*In the event of an application relating to a very long document or to a very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution.*"

The sound management of resources requires that such requests for access to documents be carefully assessed to determine whether it is proportionate or not, in particular in view of the principle of good administration and the need to preserve the continuity of the service for all applicants. In that regard, we must be able to deal with requests made by all citizens fairly and to continue providing an efficient service to all other applicants.

Under these circumstances, we invite you to have a look at the following [list](#)³ of documents and to select a reasonable number of them in which you are particularly interested and which can be processed within the prescribed deadlines. This new request will be registered upon reception and will be treated.

Once this request will be dealt with, you will be able to introduce a new request for access.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss a possible alternative arrangement agreeable to you, which would nevertheless take into account the need to keep the administrative burden at a reasonable level that is compatible with the interests of good administration. You can contact me by mail or telephone +32 2 281 6196.

In view of the above, we are closing the present request.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

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² See Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295 21.11.2018, p. 39).

³ Please note that the first two documents are not relevant for your request.