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Ms Luisa Izuzquiza

Email: [REDACTED]

Ref. 19/1139-mj/ns

Request made on: 03.05.2019

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

Thank you for your request for access to *"any and all documents containing data on the handling of access to EU documents requests by this institution; I am looking specifically for broken down data, per year, on the number of initial access to documents applications received, and the number of confirmatory applications received for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018"*.<sup>1</sup>

Please find enclosed the following documents :

- [7903/17](#) (+ [COR 1](#)) which contains the fifteenth annual report of the Council on the implementation 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;
- [8689/18](#) which contains the sixteenth annual report of the Council on the implementation 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;

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

- [7917/19](#)<sup>2</sup> which contains the seventeenth annual report of the Council on the implementation 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

which contain the information you are looking for. These documents are public and are directly available in the Council's public register.

Yours sincerely,

Paulo VIDAL

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2 This document has not yet been approved by the Council. This will, in principle, take place on 22 May 2019.