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Subject: Request for Access to Document (No. 07474)

Dear Mr. Semsrott,

Reference is made to your e-mail dated 14 September 2019, in which you submitted a request for access to the following document: "Standard Operating Procedures for the implementation of the Border asylum procedures in the context of the EU Turkey Statement 18/03/2016 (in its newest version)."

We would like to inform you, that the request (no. 07474) has been treated as one falling under the provisions of Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, which also applies to EASO documents, and in accordance with Decision No 6 laying down practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents of EASO, as adopted by its Management Board on 20 September 2011.

Your request was examined and consulted with the EASO Department of Operations and Sector of Asylum Processes. As a result of this exercise, and based on a precedence constituted by a similar Access to Documents Application, we have arrived to the conclusion to disclose and share with you, in the spirit of transparency, redacted versions of the document.

It is pertinent to note, that the applied redactions in the above listed documents were founded by exceptions of Article 4 (1) and (3)2nd indent of the Regulation (EC) 1049/2001. Disclosure of the non-redacted document could, according the Agency's assessment, seriously undermine international relations with a 3rd country; as well as the protection of the agency's decision-making process. Please note also, that the redactions were used strictly in line with Article 4(6) of the EC Regulation 1049/2001.

We thank you for your interest in [EASO](http://www.easo.europa.eu). Please rest assured that we remain at your disposal concerning any possible clarification you may need.



Should you require this position to be reviewed, please write to EASO at the address below, confirming your initial request. Your confirmatory request should be sent within 15 working days from receipt of this letter. We will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to the document or confirming the refusal. In the latter case, you will be informed of how you can take further action. All correspondence should be sent by one of the following methods:

By post:

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Yours sincerely,

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