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**Subject: Your application for access to EASO documents (No. 03006)**

Dear Mr. Semsrott,

Reference is made to your e-mail dated 26 April 2020, in which you submitted to EASO a request for access to the following documents:

*“The Standard Operating Procedures for the implementation of the EU Malta Declaration of 2017”.*

Please be informed that your request (No. 03006) has been treated as an application for public access to documents falling under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>, in accordance with Management Board Decision No 6 of 20 September 2011<sup>2</sup>.

Having carefully examined your request and after having consulted the relevant internal entities, please find below our response concerning the documents requested.

The Malta Declaration of 2017 (‘Malta Declaration by the members of the European Council on the external aspects of migration: addressing the Central Mediterranean route’) is a declaration made by heads of state or government who met informally in Malta in February 2017. It referred to migration via the central Mediterranean route (<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/02/03/malta-declaration/>). However, the Agency is not aware of any documents drawn up in that context being referred to as a Standard Operating Procedures (‘SOP’).

**As such, please be informed that EASO does not hold any such documents.**

In case you would like to submit an application for access to any Standard Operating Procedures in relation to relocation in the context of the Joint Declaration of Intent agreed in Malta in 2019, we kindly propose that you refer your request to the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> 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, (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

<sup>2</sup> Management Board Decision No 6 of 20 September 2011 laying down practical arrangements to the documents of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO).