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**Dear** [Personal Data]

Jyfi – [Legal Advice]

Notes that all four pending legal cases reached a resolution by the end of 2019 and that for all of the cases the result was in the Agency's favour; is deeply concerned that the Agency has ordered to recover legal fees in the amount of EUR 23,700 from two individuals in the General Court case T-31/18 regarding requests for access to documents; notes that the Court has reduced that amount to EUR 10,520; highlights that charging civil society with excessively high legal fees has a chilling effect on civil society's access to justice in the field of access to documents which is a fundamental right laid down in Article 42 of the Charter and undermines their right to an effective remedy under Article 47 of the Charter; **calls on the Agency to withdraw its demand for recovering of the costs in this case and to refrain from seeking to recover the costs of external lawyers from applicants in court cases based on access to information requests in the future**

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