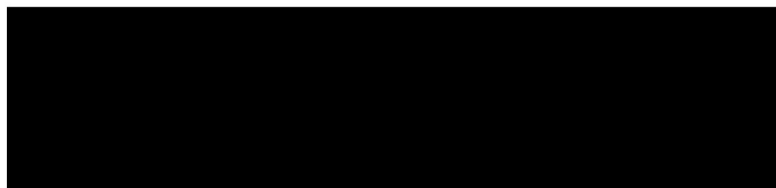




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*Subject: Your request for access to documents of 27 March 2022*  
*Our ref: 2022/055*



I would like to thank you for your request for access to documents, which the EEAS has examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.<sup>1</sup>

Following your request, we have searched for „*alle Unterlagen bzw. Kommunikation, die sich mit dem aktuellen Verbot von ca. elf Oppositionsparteien durch Präsident Selenskyj befassen*“ in the EEAS filing systems and document management databases.

The EEAS has identified the following documents matching your request, as referenced hereafter:

1. Ares (2022)2030230 *UKRAINE – FLASH REPORT- RUSSIA’s WAR on UKRAINE – Day 25*;
2. Ares (2022)2230611 *UKRAINE – 1 month of war from Kyiv perspective*.

Following our examination, we have concluded that we can disclose partially the document **Ares (2022)2030230**. The document has been redacted to remove content that is out of the scope of your request, as well as personal data as per Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation. Furthermore, redactions have been made in line with Article 4(1)(a) third indent and Art. 4(3) of the Regulation in order to remove information on internal positions guiding diplomatic contacts and negotiating positions of the EU institutions. The disclosure of these parts would undermine EU’s relations with third parties and would adversely affect the EEAS decision-

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter the "Regulation").

making process by revealing inside and sensitive information to our counterparts which would limit our margin of manoeuvre and capacity of negotiation.

In addition, I regret to inform you that, at this point in time, we are not in a position to disclose, neither as a whole, nor partially, the document **Ares (2022)2230611** as it contains information and assessments on the military situation and negotiations, and also information and recommendations on EU positions and actions. Its public disclosing would lead to a breach of trust between the EU institutions and its Member States, as well as harm bilateral relations with third countries. It is therefore essential to protect this information and analysis, and any data that might indicate, even indirectly, how intelligence and diplomatic services compile such information.

Therefore, I regret to inform you that we are not in a position to disclose document 2 at this point in time, neither as a whole or partially, since it could seriously undermine the protection of the public interest as regards defence and military matters and international relations as per Article 4(1)(a) second and third indent of the Regulation 1049/2001.

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may confirm your initial request by lodging a confirmatory application within 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Regulation 1049/2001.

Yours sincerely,

*[e-signed]*

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