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To  
Ms Vera Deleja-Hotko  
by electronic mail

*Subject: Your request for access to documents of 21 June 2022*  
*Our ref: 2021/105*

Dear Ms Deleja-Hotko,

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>

The requested document "Concept Note towards a White Paper on Border Security & Management Reform in Libya" contains key information regarding Libyan authorities activities in the field of border management, as well as data and internal assessments regarding the capacities of Libyan authorities in this field, which are relevant for the conduct of EUBAM Libya.

Having regard to the fact that the Mission has to operate in a very delicate political environment, both at the local and international levels, the EEAS considers that the public disclosure of the information contained in this document would undermine the protection of public security, defence and military matters. It would certainly negatively impact the trust of our Libyan partners which would , jeopardise the on-going and possible future activities of EUBAM Libya. The mutual relationship of trust between the EU actors and Libyan authorities is strongly needed for the functioning of the Mission. The release of this document to the public domain would thus negatively affect the international relations between the European Union and Libyan authorities and would consequently adversely impact the policy-making on civilian crisis management missions.

Therefore, I regret to inform you that we are not in a position to disclose the requested document at this point in time, neither as a whole or partially, since it would undermine the

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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").

protection of the public interest as regards public security, defence and military matters, and international relations, as per Article 4(a)(1), first, second and third indents 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,

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