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Dear Mr Semsrott,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2020/1390

We refer to your application dated 7/03/2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09/03/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- All concepts, guidelines, specifications and comparable documents that describe the structure and functioning of the Frontex Media Monitor.
- All agreements that the Joint Research Centre has made with Frontex regarding the Frontex Media Monitor.

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- The Service Level Agreement (SLA) between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 17 December 2009, reference Ares (2020)1526330, (hereafter ‘document 1’), which includes the following annexes in the same document:
 - Annex I: short project description and
 - Annex II: project plan.
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 15 December 2010, reference Ares(2020)1526727, (hereafter ‘document 2’), which includes the following annex in the same document:
 - Annex I Terms of reference.
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 28 April 2011, reference Ares(2020)1526796, (hereafter ‘document 3’), which includes the following annexes in two separate documents:

- Annex I, FSC Product description, (hereafter ‘document 3.1’).
- Annex II, ICT Product description, reference Ares(2020)2000560, (hereafter ‘document 3.2’).
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 22 November 2011, reference Ares(2020)1526861, (hereafter ‘document 4’), which includes the following annex in the same document:
 - Annex I Terms of reference.
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 8 May 2012, reference Ares(2020)1526918, (hereafter ‘document (5), which includes the following annex in a separate document:
 - Annex I, FSC Product description,
 - and Annex II, ICT product description,

The two annexes are in the same document (hereafter ‘document 5.1’).
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 5 December 2013, reference Ares(2020)1527121, (hereafter ‘document 6’), which includes the following annexes in the same document:
 - Annex I, FSC Product description, and
 - Annex II, ICT product description.
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 17 December 2014, reference Ares(2020)1527167, (hereafter ‘document 7’), which includes the following annexes in a separate document:
 - Annex I, Frontex Media Monitoring Service Level Agreement details,
 - Annex II, NewsDesk Service Level Agreement details, and
 - Annex III, list of deliverables.

The three annexes are in one document, (hereafter ‘document 7.1’).
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 11 December 2015, reference Ares(2020)1527226, (hereafter ‘document 8’), which includes the following annexes in a separate document:
 - Annex I, technical annex, and
 - Annex II, deliverables,

The two annexes are in the same document, reference Ares(2020)2051425, (hereafter ‘document 8.1’).
- The Service Level Agreement between JRC and FRONTEX signed on 6 December 2016, reference Ares(2020)1527261, (hereafter ‘document 9’), which includes the following annexes in the same document:

- Annex I, Frontex Media Monitoring Service Level Agreement details, and
- Annex II, list of deliverables 2017.
- The Service Level Agreement between the JRC and FRONTEX signed on 21 December 2017, reference Ares(2020)1527314, (hereafter ‘document 10’), which includes the following annexes in a separate document:
 - Annex I, Frontex Media Monitor (FMM) and NewsDesk Service Level Agreement (SLA) details,
 - Annex II, deliverables, and
 - Annex III, deliverable acceptance form.

The three annexes are in the same document, (hereafter ‘document 10.1’).

- The Service Level Agreement between the JRC and FRONTEX signed on 14 March 2019, reference Ares(2020)1527358, (hereafter ‘document 11’), which includes the following annexes in a separate document:
 - Annex I, Frontex Media Monitor (FMM) and NewsDesk Service Level Agreement (SLA) details,
 - Annex II, deliverables, and
 - Annex III, deliverable acceptance form.

The last two annexes are in the same document (document 11.1).

Regretfully, we could not find the Annex I in our virtual archives. We invite therefore you to confirm your interest in this document, which we will be able to search in our paper archives in Ispra once the lock-down in Northern Italy will have been released.

With regard to all the documents listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- bank accounts details.

Additionally, having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that all the documents may be partially disclosed.

Some parts of documents 2, 4, 5.1, 7.1, 8.1, 9, 10.1 and 11.1 have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4(1)(a) first indent or the protection of the public interest as regards public security or Article 4(3) of this Regulation, which would seriously undermine the institution's decision-making process.

The redacted parts are displayed in the texts with the following four justifications:

- Justification 1 relates to the redaction of personal data and it concerns all documents as mentioned above (Article 4(1)(b));
- Justification 2 relates to the reporting tools and methods used by law enforcement officials in charge of the public security, and disclosure of the detailed information could jeopardise the implementation of ongoing and future operations, thus undermining the protection of the public interests as regards public security (Article 4(1)(a));
- Justification 3 relates to sensitive operational information; in the same way, their disclosure could undermine the protection of the public interests as regards public security (Article 4(1)(a)). Moreover, this information is also used to develop risk analysis participating in the internal decision-making process (Article 4(3));
- Justification 4 relates to ongoing internal decision-making process, and disclosure would undermine internal making-process regarding current and future activities (Article 4(3)).

The exceptions laid down in 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the document. We have examined whether there could be such an interest but we have not been able to identify it.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

