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Our ref: TO/PAD-2021-00144 Please quote when replying.

Warsaw, 17 September 2021

## Your application for access to European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) documents

Dear Mr/Ms Izuzquiza,

In reference to your application registered on 25 August2021 for which the time limit has been extended by 15 working days on 15 September 2021<sup>1</sup>, asking for access to

1. All contracts and/or agreements, including all annexes, signed with Airbus DS Airborne Solutions GmbH and Elbit Systems Ltd, Advanced Technology Center under procurement procedure 2020/S 196-473315 (for reference, see

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2020%3ATEXT%3AEN%3AHTML&data=04%7C01%7Cfrontex%40frontex.europa.eu%7Ceb6b47f 48af94fc56c0208d90baeaf64%7C1a17d6bf51554e22bf292ba5da77f037%7C0%7C0%7C63755366761 5264802%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1ha WwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=xowPaB47qGBWEzE%2BwJZ%2FgYfZRCehM1PkCJ%2FD UWg0kvk%3D&reserved=0)

2. With regards to the meeting(s) under the framework of the above-mentioned procurement procedure "An informative meeting, for the purpose of answering questions from potential tenderers and for providing clarifications, is planned to be organised at Frontex premises, in Warsaw, during the second or third week after the publication of the contract notice." (see section VI.3

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I am also requesting

- all agendas for each of these meetings;

- a list of all attendees, including the name of the company, group, or organisation of any kind each attendee represents;

- all presentations by Frontex shown during the course of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).



these meetings;

all documents prepared by Frontex for the purpose of these meetings and given out or distributed among the attendees (such as - but not limited to - handouts, leaflets, briefings or background notes);
all presentations by any other speaker shown during the course of these meetings;- all documents delivered to Frontex by any of the meeting attendees, such as - but not limited to - handouts, leaflets, briefings or any sort of company and service information;
all reports, summaries, minutes, notes, or record-keeping of any kind produced by Frontex as an outcome of these meetings.

Please find the documents herewith attached. Redactions pertain to personal, such as names of individuals and/or characteristic features which could lead to the identification of individuals. Their disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with European Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data and therefore have to be precluded pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Four further documents were identified thee redactions of which pertain to

- personal data, as explained above;
- commercial interests of legal persons, including intellectual property. In particular, the documents contain technical and economic information of the tenderer, including information on the competences and working methods, know-how, internal organisation, cost as well as proposed prices. As no overriding public interest that is objective and general in nature and not indistinguishable from individual or private interests for the release of this document is ascertainable in the present case, this document cannot be released based on Article 4(2) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

A partial release of the document(s) could not be undertaken, as its redaction would be disproportional in relation to the parts that are eligible for disclosure, simultaneously undermining the principle of sound administration. More specifically, the administrative burden necessary to identify and redact the releasable elements would be disproportionate to the interest in the disclosure exercise itself, while the released document(s) would not convey any informative value due to its/their significantly reduced form. Consequently, a partial disclosure of the document(s) at issue must be refused owing to the particular circumstances of the present case.

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Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, within 15 working days of the receipt of this letter, you may submit a confirmatory application to Frontex to reconsider its position. Based on Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, Frontex will reply to you within 15 working days from the registration of such application. You can submit your confirmatory application by post or electronically.

Yours sincerely,



Timo Knaebe Senior Legal Officer