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Deadline extension: 04.01.2022

Dear Ms Izuzquiza and Mr Semsrott,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.¹

The following documents in the possession of the General Secretariat of the Council have been identified as falling with the scope of your request:

- An internal note of 30 June 2015 entitled "*Structure organisationnelle et procédures de gestion et de contrôle internes relatives à l'exécution d'opérations financières au sein du Service juridique*";
- a web page on the website of the Council [Current calls for tender - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](#);
- the 2020 [CLS Annual Activity Report](#).

The two latter documents are already in the public domain and you may consult them by following the hyperlinks above.

As regards the internal note of 30 June 2015, this may be disclosed only partially. First, the personal data contained therein have to be redacted pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 (the protection of the privacy and the integrity of the individual).

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

Second, paragraphs 19, 23-27 and footnote 3 of this note may not be disclosed on the basis of Article 4(1)(a) fourth indent of Regulation 1049/2001 (the protection of the financial, monetary or economic policy of the Community or a Member State). These paragraphs and footnote contain sensitive information about the internal considerations and criteria guiding the recovery of legal costs awarded to the Council in court cases and the selection of external legal assistance by the Council. If disclosed, these paragraphs may be exploited against the Council to the detriment of its financial interests. Implicitly, this entails the risk of losses to the Union's budget, thus undermining the protection of the Union's financial policy.

You will find attached the partially available version of this note.

You can ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply (confirmatory application).²

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

Enclosure

² Council documents on confirmatory applications are made available to the public. Pursuant to data protection rules at EU level (Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725, if you make a confirmatory application your name will only appear in related documents if you have given your explicit consent.