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Mr Arne Semsrott

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Ref. 22/1856-rh/vk – 6.3

Request made on: 12.09.2022

Dear Mr Semsrott,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union.<sup>1</sup>

Further to your request, the services of the General Secretariat of the Council have processed in part to the assessment of your request to get access to *"For all meetings of the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) in 2022: the agenda of the meetings; any and all records of the meetings. This may include, but not necessarily limited to, minutes of the meeting, verbatim reports of the meetings, outcomes of proceedings, transcripts etc, that would provide a record of the proceedings of the meetings; any and all documents used during the course of the meeting or produced for the purpose of the meeting. This may include, but not limited to, working papers, preparatory notes, briefings, reports, or memos."*

The General Secretariat is examining your request on the basis of the applicable rules. We wish, however, to draw your attention to Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on access to documents, which provides that "In the event of an application relating to a very long document or to a very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution."

We have made a preliminary search in our databases for both existing branches of the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP): LEWP Police and LEWP Customs. We found more than 160

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

documents that could correspond to the wording of your request. They mainly remain LIMITE which means that consultations under Art.4 (4) of Regulation 1049/2001 have to be launched within the Council but also with third parties like other EU institutions and Member States.

In view of the very large number of documents covered by your application and also the complexity of the examination incumbent upon the institution, the General Secretariat is unable to process your full request within the deadline set by Regulation 1049/2001.<sup>2</sup>

Under these circumstances, we would ask you to narrow down considerably the scope of your request and to focus on the documents most relevant for your purposes. We suggest that you reflect on your research or study needs and then get back to us based on this reflection. We invite you to take into consideration the administrative burden linked to the total number of documents requested but also to their nature for which an individual thorough assessment is required. On the basis of your reply, we could then gradually process your request and send you a manageable number of documents which is a priority interest to you.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.