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## INFORMATION NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council  
Subject: Evaluation of the impact of the Court ruling in case C-280/11 P  
(Council v. Access Info Europe)

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1. By judgment of 17 October 2013, the Court of Justice (First Chamber) rejected the Council's appeal against the judgment of the General Court in Case T-233/09 (Access Info Europe v. Council).
2. On 13 December 2013<sup>1</sup>, Coreper was informed about the implications of the judgment of the Court of Justice as regards the handling of applications for public access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>2</sup>.
3. On 15 May 2014, Coreper considered three options regarding the naming of Member States in documents relating to on-going legislative procedures<sup>3</sup>. It indicated its preference for the so-called "third option" and at that occasion, decided to evaluate the impact and functioning of that option after one year<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See document 17177/13 and document 7356/14.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

<sup>3</sup> See document 8622/1/14.

<sup>4</sup> See document 10078/14.

4. On 19 May 2016, the Working Party of Information was informed of the outcome of the evaluation as set out in the document 8863/16 .
  5. Coreper is therefore invited to take note of the outcome of the evaluation.
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