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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Working Party on Information on 19 June 2015

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in document CM 2146/15.

### 2. Transparency / Access to documents

#### 1. Confirmatory applications

a) Confirmatory application No. 10/c/01/15

Docs 9039/15 INF 84 API 47  
9040/15 INF 85 API 48

The Legal Service explained the approach proposed in the draft reply (doc. 7860/15).  
Delegations agreed with the draft reply and with the publication of the votes.

Due to the European Council meeting on 24/25 June, it will not be possible to submit the draft reply to Coreper and the Council before the legally binding deadline. Consequently, the draft reply will be adopted by a formal written procedure to be launched on 22 June 2015.

b) Confirmatory application No. 11/c/01/15

Docs 9042/15 INF 87 API 50  
9043/1/15 INF 88 API 51 REV 1

The Chair explained the approach proposed in the draft reply (doc. 9043/1/15 REV 1). Delegations agreed with the draft reply and with the publication of the votes.

The draft reply will be listed on the agenda of Coreper II on 1 July 2015 in view of its adoption by the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 13 July 2015.

c) Confirmatory application No. 12/c/02/15

Docs 9220/15 INF 91 API 53  
9221/15 INF 92 API 54

d) Confirmatory application No. 13/c/02/15

Docs 9544/15 INF 102 API 56  
9545/15 INF 103 API 57

e) Confirmatory application No. 14/c/03/15

Docs 9562/15 INF 105 API 59  
9563/15 INF 106 API 60

The Chair explained the approach proposed in the draft replies regarding confirmatory applications No. 12/c/02/15 (doc. 9221/15), No. 13/c/02/15 (doc. 9545/15) and No. 14/c/03/15 (doc. 9563/15). Delegations agreed with the draft replies and with the publication of the votes.

Due to the European Council meeting on 24/25 June, it will not be possible to submit the draft replies to Coreper and the Council before the legally binding deadlines. Consequently, as for the draft reply regarding confirmatory application No. 10/c/01/15, the draft replies will be adopted by a formal written procedure to be launched on 22 June 2015.

## 2. Access to documents: A delegate's perspective

- Presentation from the General Secretariat and exchange of views

The GSC members of the Transparency and Access to Documents Unit gave an informal presentation highlighting issues on access to documents which are of particular interest to Member States and delegates. The presentation was followed by an exchange of views with the WPI members.

Ahead of the WPI-meeting, five delegations had forwarded questions, comments and suggestions to the GSC. In addition, during the informal discussions nine delegations (AT, FIN, FR, SE, IT, NL, IRL, SK, ES) took the floor and welcomed this information session which was considered to be very useful. The observations from delegations regarding access to documents mainly concerned the following issues:

- handling and identification of Council documents and documents originating from other institutions, Member States and third parties;
- application of national legislation on access to documents and application of Regulation 1049/2001;
- practical arrangements for the handling of confirmatory applications.

Delegations also commented on horizontal transparency issues such as the "lisbonisation" of Regulation 1049/2001 and the discussions on the Better Regulation package, namely the Commission commitment to create a register for delegated acts.