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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Information
Subject: Public access to documents
- Confirmatory application No 22/c/01/15

Delegations will find attached:

- request for access to documents sent to the General Secretariat of the Council on 9 September 2015 and registered on 10 September ([Annex 1](#));
- reply from the General Secretariat of the Council dated 27 October 2015 (Annex 2);
- confirmatory application dated 27 October 2015 and registered on the same day ([Annex 3](#))

[E-mail message sent to access@consilium.europa.eu on 9 September 2015 - 19:40]

From: **DELETED**

Sent: Wednesday 9 September 2015 - 19:40

To: SECRETARIAT DGF Access

Subject: request for documents

Dear Madam, Sir,

Under Regulation 1049/01 or, as a fallback option, under the Council information policy, I would like to request access to the following documents:

As referred to by EFC president Mr Wieser in a research interview:

- EFC standardized "statement of confidentiality" protocol to be signed by all individual EFC members, as well as previous versions of this protocol if they exist

As mentioned in EFC document EFC/ECFIN/620/01- final of 8 January 2002:

- Monetary Committee's non-paper "Aide mémoire for the [Eurogroup] Chairman" of 20th April 1998;
- EFC paper "Improving the working of the Euro-11 Group" of 1st July 1999;
- EFC paper "Extending discussions on structural matters in the Eurogroup" of 7th March 2001;
- Results of an EFC Eurogroup Working Party meeting in Noordwijk on 22nd June 2001 and
- Results of an EFC Eurogroup Working Party meeting in Brussels on 23 November 2001.

Met vriendelijke groet / kind regards,

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Council of the European Union
General Secretariat

Directorate-General Communication and Document Management
Directorate Document Management
Transparency and Access to Documents Unit

Brussels, 27 October 2015

Mr **DELETED**
Email: : **DELETED**

Ref. 15/2152-ws/dm

Request made on: 09.09.2015
Registered on: 10.09.2015
Deadline extension: 01.10.2015

Dear Mr **DELETED**,

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

Please find attached:

- Monetary Committee's non-paper "Aide mémoire for the Chairman" of 20 April 1998
- EFC paper "Improving the working of the Euro-11 Group" of 1 July 1999
- EFC paper "Extending discussions on structural matters in the Eurogroup" of 7 March 2001

There are no minutes or equivalent "results" available in writing for the Eurogroup Working Party meetings of 22 June 2001 and 23 November 2001.

There also is no "EFC standardised 'statement of confidentiality' protocol to be signed by all individual EFC members". The competent service is only aware of an "EWG confidentiality charter"; in case this is of interest to you, you are welcome to file a specific application for access to it.

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).

Yours sincerely,

Jakob THOMSEN

Enclosures

[E-mail message sent to access@consilium.europa.eu on 27 October 2015 - 11:07]

From: **DELETED**
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 11:07
To: SECRETARIAT DGF Access
Subject: RE: Ref. 15/2152-ws/dm

Dear Mr Thomsen,

Thank you for your, regrettably belated, response to my request for access to documents of 9 September.

In your letter you mention that no EFC standardized 'statement of confidentiality' protocol to be signed by all individual EFC members exists. This statement comes as a surprise as several policy-makers close to the EFC decision-making process, including its current president, have testified that such a document does indeed exist. I would therefore like to contest this decision in a confirmatory application.

Separate to this confirmatory application, I would also like to file an initial application for the EWG confidentiality charter that you mention in the same response letter.

Yours sincerely,

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