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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Information
Subject: Public access to documents
- Confirmatory application No 18/c/01/18

Delegations will find attached the:

- request for access to documents sent to the General Secretariat of the Council on 29 April 2018 and registered on 30 April 2018 ([Annex 1](#));
- reply from the General Secretariat of the Council dated 12 June 2018 ([Annex 2](#));
- confirmatory application dated 26 June 2018 and registered the same day ([Annex 3](#)).

[E-mail message sent to access@consilium.europa.eu on 29 April 2018 - 00:03]

From: Eric Dumont <**DELETED**@asktheeu.org>

Sent: Sunday 29 April 2018 12:03 AM

To: SECRETARIAT DGF Access <Access@consilium.europa.eu>

Subject: request for access to documents - French language - Council meetings

Sir/Madam,

On the basis of the right of access to documents established in the EU treaties and developed in Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I request the documents containing the following information:

According to page 11 of the paper edition of the French newspaper 'Libération' of 27 April 2018, an incident is said to have taken place between the French ambassador to the EU and the Council departments on Wednesday 25 April 2018. The French ambassador apparently walked out of a working session on account of a lack of interpreters during a discussion on Brexit/the budget. It therefore seems that, in practice, the meetings are taking place exclusively in English.

I wish to obtain: (1) the Council's response to this incident, and (2) the minutes of the Council working session mentioning this incident.

(Complimentary close)

Eric Dumont



Council of the European Union

General Secretariat

Directorate-General for Communication and Information
Directorate for Information and Knowledge Management
Transparency
Head of Unit

Brussels, 12 June 2018

Mr Eric Dumont

Email: **DELETED**@asktheeu.org

Ref. 18/0858-mw

Request made on: 29.4.2018

Registered on: 30.4.2018

Deadline extended on: 28.5.2018

Dear Mr Dumont,

Thank you for your request for access to documents of the Council of the European Union¹.

Your request has been examined thoroughly by the competent departments of the General Secretariat of the Council.

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).

Please find attached document ST 9326/18 (available only in English), which is the summary record of the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper) on 25 April 2018.

No other document is covered by your request.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Bliss

Annex

[E-mail message sent to access@consilium.europa.eu on 26 June 2018 - 00:36]

From: Eric Dumont <**DELETED**@asktheeu.org>

Sent: Tuesday 26 June 2018 12:36 AM

To: SECRETARIAT DGF Access <Access@consilium.europa.eu>

Subject: Internal review of request for access to documents - French language - Council meetings

Sir/Madam,

Could you please forward this message to the competent department dealing with complaints relating to access to information?

I am not satisfied with the initial response I received.

For your convenience, please click on the link below for the chronology of this request:

https://www.asktheeu.org/en/request/langue_francaise_reunions_du_con

I am astonished at your reply, which fails to answer my question. Could you please indicate the section of the Council's summary record that answers my specific initial question?

I am also surprised that you would send me a summary record in English when my request concerned the use of French in Council meetings. Consequently, if French is indeed a working language of the Council, please send me a French version of the summary record.

(Complimentary close)

Eric Dumont
