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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Public access to documents - Confirmatory application N° 22/c/01/25

Delegations will find attached:

- the request for access to documents sent to the General Secretariat of the Council on 4 July 2025 and registered on the same day (Annex 1);
- the reply from the General Secretariat of the Council dated 19 August 2025 (Annex 2);
- the confirmatory application dated 27 August and registered on 3 September 2025 (Annex 3).

From: document-request@cis.consilium.europa.eu <document-request@cis.consilium.europa.eu>

Sent: vendredi 4 juillet 2025 11:42

To: TRANSPARENCY Access to documents (COMM) <Access@consilium.europa.eu>

Subject: Consilium - Electronic Request for Access to documents [ENGLISH]

This e-mail has been sent to access@consilium.europa.eu using the electronic form available in the Register application.

This electronic form has been submitted in ENGLISH.

Title

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First name

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Occupation

I submit this request on my own behalf.

Name of the organisation

Full postal address

Telephone

Requested document(s)

WK 9327 2025 INIT - CONTRIBUTION

1st option

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2nd option



Council of the European Union

General Secretariat

Directorate-General Communication and Information - COMM

Directorate Information and Outreach

Information Services Unit / Transparency

Head of Unit

Brussels, 19 August 2025

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Email: **DELETED**

Ref. 25/1972

Request made on: 04.07.2025

Deadline extension: 28.07.2025

Dear **DELETED**,

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

You may have access to document **WK 9327/2025 INIT** except to a comment made by a third country. Any unilateral disclosure of this comment would have a negative impact on the relations between the European Union and the said third country.

Disclosure of this part of the document would therefore undermine the protection of the public interest as regards international relations. As a consequence, the General Secretariat is unable to grant a full access to the document.²

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).

² Article 4(1)(a), third indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

However, as abovementioned, pursuant to Article 4(6) of the Regulation, you may have access to the rest of the document which is not covered by this exception.

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you may ask the Council to review this decision within 15 working days of receiving this reply. Should you see the need for such a review, you are invited to indicate the reasons thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

Enclosure

From: **DELETED**

Sent: mercredi 27 août 2025 11:05

To: TRANSPARENCY Access to documents (COMM) <Access@consilium.europa.eu>

Subject: Re: Ref. 25/1972

Dear Fernando FLORINDO,

Thank you for your letter.

I would respectfully like to contest the decision to refuse me full access to the document in question.

The given justification for the refusal is that one comment is made by a "third country".

This is incorrect.

As the document states in its title, all comments are made by Sweden, an EU Member State, which is not a "third country".

I would therefore request full access.

Sincerely, **DELETED**, **DELETED**, **DELETED**

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