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Your application for access to European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) documents

Dear Mr/Ms Nielsen,

In reference to your application registered on 21 September 2021 for which the time limit has been extended by 15 working days on 12 October 2021¹, asking for access to

information and documents on commercial and/or private jets booked for Fabrice Leggeri in the first half of 2020, including name of airline, dates, and all associated costs as well as city of departure and destination.

Please find the 19 documents herewith attached. Please note that some limited parts of these documents have been redacted as they contain personal data and data of private nature, such as names of individuals and/or characteristic features. The disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with European Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data and therefore has to be precluded pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

The following three points are in reply to your request for information, which is not covered by Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001:

1. The use of a private aircraft on 4 March 2020 was the only solution to attend the JHA Council meeting on 4 March 2020, as it coincided with the Extraordinary Management Board meeting in Warsaw, which concluded at around 13:00 h. The Executive Director's presence at the JHA Council meeting was requested to discuss the launch of the Frontex Rapid Border Intervention Evros and the Frontex Rapid Border Intervention Aegean.
2. The return tickets Warsaw-Berlin for 10 and 11 March 2020 were cancelled and refunded as the Executive Director's hearing at the German Bundestag was cancelled at the request of the German Bundestag due to COVID-19.
3. The return tickets Warsaw-Croatia for 24 March 2020 were cancelled due to COVID-19; these tickets were also refunded.

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¹ In accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, within 15 working days of the receipt of this letter, you may submit a confirmatory application to Frontex to reconsider its position. Based on Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, Frontex will reply to you within 15 working days from the registration of such application. You can submit your confirmatory application by post or electronically.

Yours sincerely,



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