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Dear Prof. Miller,

Thank you for your e-mail dated June 25, requesting access to documents under Regulation No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

I can provide you with the following answers to your questions:

1. Can you confirm that the list contains the total number of members of the expert group? I ask because one expert (John Horgan), is claimed to be on the list, but appears not to feature. (St. Andrew's School of International Relations, http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~wwwir/staff/jh.html John Horgan, accessed 8 May 2008). Can you confirm if Horgan was or was not ever on the list and if he was, his dates of service?

John Horgan has resigned from the Expert Group on Violent Radicalisation October 29, 2007. The list of the Expert-Group members I have sent to you contains the total number of present members of the expert group.

2. EU profile on counter-terrorism for CODEXTER – an ad hoc Committee of Experts on Terrorism in the Council of Europe (jointly with the Council)

Please find attached the requested document.

OJ L145, 31.05.2001, page 43.

3. First report on the state of play of research in the field of radicalization and recruitment by the Expert Group on Violent Radicalisation.

As I have informed you in my correspondence to you of June 3rd, 2008 5DG JLS D1/AR D(2008) 8782) the synthesis report of the Expert Group of which this report is a part has only been adopted very recently (in May 2008) by the Expert Group and is expected to be published soon.

4. Second report on manifestations, trends and dynamics of radicalisation processes by the Expert Group on Violent Radicalisation.

This report has not been elaborated.

5. Report (II) based on the implementation of the Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism

Please find attached the requested document.

6. Report on the assessment of civil protection assistance through the Mechanism in case of major terrorist attack in the EU, including the medical resources required to respond to a bio-terrorist attack.

The Report on the assessment of civil protection assistance through the Mechanism in case of major terrorist attack in the EU, including the medical resources required to respond to a bio-terrorist attack has been prepared by the European Commission Directorate General Environment is an EU Restricted document. After having consulted with the competent service: DG ENV, A.3, Civil Protection Unit, I have to inform you, however, that access to this document cannot be granted, since its disclosure might undermine the protection of public interest as regards public security (article 4.1. a. of EC-Regulation No 1049/2001).

7. Second Report evaluating the implementation of the Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism.

This request refers to the same document as request Nr. 5.

I enclose a copy of the documents which I hope will meet your needs. I must, however, remind you that they cannot be reproduced or disseminated for commercial purposes unless the Commission has first been consulted.

Yours sincerely,

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