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Decision on request for access to information

By e-mail of 6 June 2024, you have requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for access to information in the following way:

"Dear Permanent Representation of Denmark to the EU,

Please could you update me on progress made on my request of 26 January? It is copied here for ease:

Dear Permanent Representation of Denmark to the EU,

I would like to request access to the following documents or information related to lobbying on PFAS, per and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as 'forever chemicals'. In particular I would like:

- 1. A list of all meetings/ discussions since 1 January 2022 between Permanent Representation officials and businesses, trade associations, or think tanks where this topic was discussed.*
- 2. Any records, minutes, preparatory briefings, or other notes of these meetings/discussions.*
- 3. All correspondence since 1 January 2022, where this topic was discussed, exchanged between Permanent Representation officials and businesses, trade associations, or think tanks.*

To the extent possible, my strong preference is to receive documents in electronic format.

I would also be grateful to receive the documents in batches, as soon as they are identified and available to send."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has unfortunately been unable to identify your original request of 26 January 2024, but has now processed your request in accordance with the rules on the right to access to information under The Danish Access to Public Administration Files Act ('offentlighedsloven' in Danish).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has conducted a search in the Ministry's records etc. for documents relevant to your request. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has identified documents, deemed to fall within the scope of your request. The list of case documents is enclosed. The documents you have been granted access to are also enclosed along with a separate document of explanatory notes.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has exempted certain information in accordance with the rules on the right to access to information. The exemptions are listed on the document of explanatory notes with reference to the relevant sections in the Access to Public Administration Files Act.

According to section 30, no. 1 of the Access to Public Administration Files Act, the right of access does not include information concerning private circumstances of individual persons, including their financial matters. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has exempted information personal information.

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According to Section 40, subsection 1, No. 2, of the Access to Public Administration Files Act, the documents/information requested shall be handed out in the form requested by the applicant unless the documents already are publicly available.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has considered whether access to the exempted information shall be granted in accordance with the principle of additional access to information as governed by section 14 (1) of the Access to Public Administration Files Act. The Ministry has balanced the considerations and principles governed by sections 30, no. 1 of the Access to Public Administration Files Act against the legitimate interest you are assumed to have in having your request for access to information accommodated. Following this assessment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs finds no grounds to grant access to the concerned information.

It is not possible to appeal this decision to a higher administrative authority.

You are welcome to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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