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**Subject:** Your application for access to documents - EASE 2023/7245

Dear Mr Vázquez Lázara,

We refer to your request registered on 6 December 2023 under the above mentioned reference number, which refers to:

- 1. ...a copy of all questions or any information requests regarding the ["Organic Law Proposal for Amnesty for Institutional, Political, and Social Normalization in Catalonia"] that the Spanish government has received from the European Commission.
- 2. Similarly, to electronically provide with the responses that the Spanish government may have sent to the European Commission, if applicable.

In your application you have referred to the following documents mentioned in media outlets:

- Letter from Commissioner Reynders to the Spanish Minister for the Presidency, Félix Bolaños, and the Spanish Minister for Justice, Pilar Llop, sent on 8 November 2023.
- Letter from Spanish Minister for the Presidency, Félix Bolaños, to Commissioner Reynders sent on 8 November 2023.

Having examined the documents identified above as well as the further exchanges that had taken place under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by an exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of this Regulation.

Disclosure of the documents requested would undermine the protection the purpose of the ongoing investigations. Therefore, the exception laid down in Article 4(2) third indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 applies to the documents concerned.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

**European Commission** Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Ana GALLEGO Director-General (e-signed)