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*Subject: Your request for access to documents*  
*Our ref: 2016/24*

Dear Mr. Jannische,

Thank you for your request, dated 14 March 2016, for access to documents, which we have examined in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>.

The document requested, "Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA) between Cuba and the EU concluded on 11 March 2016", is of provisional nature and part of an ongoing negotiation.

Since this is still work in progress, we consider that the disclosure to the general public at this stage could a) seriously undermine the institutional decision-making processes and b) risk undermining the international relations, since disclosure before finalisation could damage the EU's relationship with Cuba.

We therefore regret to inform you that, pursuant to Art 4(3) and Art 4(1)(a) third indent of the Regulation, we are not in a position to disclose the requested document at this point in time neither as a whole or partially.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (hereafter the "Regulation").

Should you wish this position to be reviewed, you may confirm your initial request within 15 working days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GVA', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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