

Il Presidente

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Mr Sven Giegold
Member of the European Parliament
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Dear Mr Giegold,

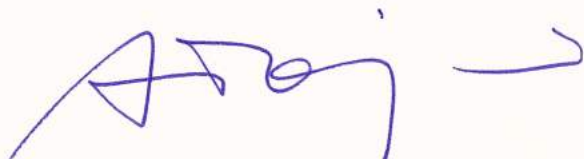
Thank you for your email of 29 May in which you express your wish for Parliament to automatically publish the 4-column tables for all ongoing trilogues. You mention in your email the Court's judgment in case T-540/15 *De Capitani v European Parliament* as the rationale and state that "the Court's ruling is to be applied in letter and spirit".

I would like to inform you that Parliament's competent services already apply this ruling and will continue to apply it to any new request for public access to 4-column tables. Indeed, since the ruling was delivered, Parliament, after a case-by-case analysis in the light of the case-law, has disclosed all the 4-column tables to which access was requested under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Each request made to Parliament for public access to 4-column tables in ongoing trilogues requires careful analysis of the documents and consultation of the relevant services and institutions.

Furthermore, the Court ruling explicitly acknowledges that the *De Capitani* case does not concern the issue of making 4-column tables of ongoing trilogues directly accessible within the meaning of Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, but rather concerns access to such documents following a request (see for example para. 86).

Finally, it should be noted that 4-column tables are joint documents and any publication going beyond the ruling would need to be discussed at inter-institutional level in full respect of the principle of sincere cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Antonio Tajani