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General Court of the European Union Registry Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald L-2925 Luxembourg

Re: Case T-138/23, Semmelweis Egyetem v Council

Dear Mr Registrar,

The Commission has learnt that the applicant in Case T-138/23, *Semmelweis Egyetem* v *Council*, in which the Commission intervenes in support of the Council, has rendered public several documents of the case file, including the Commission's observations, on its website: https://semmelweis.hu/english/2023/03/application-for-partial-annulment-in-respect-of-council-implementing-decision-eu-2022-2506/ (accessed on 20 December 2024).

Disclosing to the public the submissions of the parties to the proceedings before the Court is in breach of the principle of confidentiality of these documents, which is implicit in Article 38, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the General Court. The case law has confirmed that disclosure of such pleadings 'would have the effect of exposing judicial activities to external pressure, albeit only in the perception of the public, and would disturb the serenity of the proceedings' (see, for example, Joined Cases C-514/07 P, C-528/07 P and C-532/07 P, EU:C:2010:541, paragraph 93).

The Commission has written to the applicant in parallel to request the immediate removal of the documents from its website. We also wanted to inform the General Court to allow it to take all the necessary measures and draw all relevant consequences from this fact.

Yours,

Julio Baquero Cruz

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