

## **Response of official in charge of the “right to access information”**

### ***Document 3:***

The emailed answer to a ‘right to access information’ request that we submitted to the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines, to provide us with a copy of the agreement concluded between the Tunisian state and the Italian party, represented by the Eni hydrocarbons company. The response was a refusal to provide us with the required information, on the pretext that our request fell within the category of exceptions stipulated under Tunisian law: of causing harm to public security, national defence or international relations.

From Hakim Amairi, SOTUGAT

In regard to your request to be given a copy of the agreement concluded between the Tunisian state and the Italian company Eni based on the ‘right to access information’, I have to inform you, that it is not possible to accede to your request since the documents you have asked for, are subject to the exemptions laid down in item 24 of 2016 Basic Law 22, dated 24 March 2016, governing ‘right to access information’. This states that the “right to access information’ request can only be rejected if this would be damaging to public security, national defence or foreign relations...”

With best regards