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Case no.: 2013-042-376
Case officer: LHADANISH NATIONAL POLICE
LEGAL SERVICEPOLITI TORVET 14
DK-1780 COPENHAGEN V**Regarding your inquiry to the Danish National Police**Web: www.politi.dk

The Danish National Police has received your e-mail of Februar 2, 2013 concerning your request for information regarding police equipment and training for protest situations.

- 1) The Danish National Police can hereby inform you, that the operation of Danish police is regulated in the *Act on Police Enforcement* (Danish: *Lov om politiets virksomhed*), commonly known as *The Police Act* (Danish: *politiloven*).

The relevant Danish legislation is available on:
<https://www.retsinformation.dk/>

- 2) The Danish National Police can also inform you that the Danish police force can use following equipment:
 1. Pepper spray/tear gas
 2. Batons
 3. Dogs
 4. Pistols
 5. Handcuffs

As an instrument of power during demonstrations and protest situations where the police operate in joint units tear gas and batons are most commonly used. The use of dogs in these situations is very rare. The Danish Police can only use their pistols as an absolute last resort.

The Danish Police do not use "water cannons" as an instrument of power. The "water cannon" is considered to be a fire and clearing vehicle used to remove barricades, burning cars and other objects and to extinguish fire in places where the fire department can not reach because of riots or uproar.

- 3) a) It is with regret that the Danish National Police must inform you that the information you have requested is not publicly available and the Danish



National Police has therefore rejected your request for data on the number of items in the possession of the Danish police force.

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b) Regarding the amount of times the equipment has been used we kindly refer you to look at the following website where you will find statistics from 2009- 2013. The Danish National Police does unfortunately not have statistics showing the specific situations where the equipment was used. The statistics show the number of times each type of equipments has been used nationally.

https://www.politi.dk/da/aktuelt/nyheder/K15_nyheder_250413.htm

- 4) It is with regret that the Danish National Police must inform you that the information you have requested is not publicly available and the Danish National Police has therefore rejected your request for information regarding guidance and training of the Danish police force.
- 5) It is with regret that the Danish National Police must inform you that there are no evaluations on the issue from the past 5 years. The Danish National Police refer you to the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman's statement of 2010 on the Copenhagen Police conduct regarding the people who were arrested and detained during the climate summit in December 2009. The article is available on the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman's website: <http://beretning2010.ombudsmanden.dk/artikler/artikel7/>

Yours sincerely



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