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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/1671

We refer to your e-mail dated 8 April 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns the following documents: "all minutes and other reports of the AECA Round-Table on "Dealing with Regulatory Burden" (on 2016-01-14) in which Bernardus Smulders participated as well as British American Tobacco (BAT)" and all correspondence (including emails) related to the AECA Round-Table on "Dealing with Regulatory Burden" (on 2016-01-14) in which Bernardus Smulders participated as well as British American Tobacco (BAT)."

Your application is currently being dealt with. However, we will not be in a position to reply within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 29/04/2016 as not all documents are held by the Secretariat-General and we need to check with the relevant cabinet. We will therefore have to extend the time limit by 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. This new time limit expires on 26/05/2016.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,

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