



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Directorate G - External Relations  
**The Director**

Brussels  
SG.G.1/DT

Dear Mr Scott,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/8028**

We refer to your request for access to document dated and registered on 29/11/2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*“All communication related to the developments connected to the EU-US Trade and Tech Council, including emails and other communication with the US Commerce Department, State Department, United States Trade Representative and White House (National Security Council) between June, 2021 and November 2021”*

Unit SG G1 is in charge of preparing briefings for the President of the Commission and her Vice-Presidents, incl. the briefing for the meeting of the TTC.

However, having examined the document requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, we regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of this Regulation.

The documents which you seek to obtain contains opinions for internal use and sensitive information regarding the EU strategic relations with US. Disclosure of the document requested would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards international relations because it would reveal information that can be used by third countries to bring an undue pressure on the Commission and unduly limit the room for manoeuvre of the European Union on the international stage as well as jeopardise the European Union's international position.

The third indent of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides that ‘[t]he institutions shall refuse access to a document where disclosure would undermine the protection of [...] the public interest as regards [...] international relations [...]’.

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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