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SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Directorate G - External Relations
The Director

Brussels,

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Dear Mr Civilini,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/1434

I refer to your e-mail dated 10 March 2022 in which you make a request under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’) for access to documents registered under the above mentioned reference number.

More specifically, you request access, preferably in electronic format, to: ‘documents which contain the following information:

For the period between 1 January 2022 to date:

- a list of all lobby and industry meetings and/or calls and/or interactions of any kind held by the Secretariat General, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, during which “sanctions” and/or “Russia” and/or “Russian” were discussed.

The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;

- all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;
- all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings and/or exchanged during the course of the meetings. [and]
- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Secretariat, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing “sanctions” and/or “Russia” and/or “Russian”.’

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Having examined your request under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by the exceptions to the right of access laid down in the second and third indents of Article 4(1)(a) of this Regulation which provide for the protection of respectively: the public interest as regards defence and military matters, and international relations.

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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,

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