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Dear Ms Holder,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/1837

We refer to your request for access to documents registered on 29 March 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to

“All documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes, video recordings and email correspondence about or summarising, the following meetings:

- 1. Google and Penelope Papandropoulos and Werner Stengg on the 10th March 2022 regarding the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act*
- 2. Christiane Canenbley, Werner Stengg, and Google on 2nd December 2022 regarding Digital Services Act, Digital Markets Act, publishers’ right”*

We considered your request for all documentation regarding the meeting of 2 December 2022 should be read 2 December 2021.

We have identified the following documents related to your request:

- 1. Ares 2021 7264899 - 02 December 2021 - Meeting request with Google_Redacted*
- 2. Ares 2021 7570993 - 02 December 2021 - Meeting between Cabinet Vestager and Google - 2 December 2021_Redacted*
- 3. Ares 2021 7696582 - 02 December 2021 - Thank you note - GOOGLE - email_Redacted*
- 4. Ares 2021 7696582 - 02 December 2021 - Thank you note - GOOGLE - letter attached_Redacted*
- 5. Ares 2022 1854346 - 10 March 2022 - Report of Meeting of Cabinet Vestager with Google*

6. Email - 10 March 2022 - Re_ Meeting requests with Google

With regard to the documents identified, a complete disclosure is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other institutions or natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2018/1725) does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Documents 2 and 5 were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the European Commission. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refers, which were not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Moreover, having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that document 4 may be partially disclosed. Some parts of document 4 have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4(2) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. The redacted parts of document 4 contain commercially sensitive business information of the company that submitted it.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Elisa Roller

Enclosure: disclosed documents