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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 0655/2014**

Dear Mr Kolimatsis,

We refer to your e-mail dated 24/01/2014 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 5/02/2014 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application - which reformulates your original request (Ref.GestDem No 6330/2013) sent by email of 16/12/2013 - still concerns a very large number of documents, which need to be assessed individually. The analysis of these documents, together with the possible need to consult the third parties and the Member States concerned in accordance with Article 4(4) and 4(5) of Regulation 1049/2001, cannot be expected to be completed within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of Regulation 1049/2001.

However, the Regulation also provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application concerns a very large number of documents. Article 6(3) provides that *"in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution"*.

Based on this provision, we propose to handle your application in successive stages. If you accept this proposal, you could indicate an order of priority, which we will follow as much as possible in handling your application. You will receive, at regular intervals, consignments of documents which have been cleared for release or a reasoned reply explaining why some documents cannot be disclosed.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, you can contact us:

- by email to: just-c3@ec.europa.eu
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Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Marie-Hélène Boulanger