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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2022/2232

Dear Mr Pace,

I refer to your e-mail of 17 June 2022, registered on 20 June 2022, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 14 April 2022, registered on 17 April 2022 in which you requested access to, I quote:

'[a]ll documents – including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (handwritten or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations – related to the meeting on April 6 between Stefano Grassi and ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical'.

The initial application was assigned to the Directorate-General for Energy. As you did not receive an initial reply from the Directorate-General for Energy within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 20 June 2022.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 18 August 2022 (under reference number Ares(2022)5805110).

OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 18 August 2022.

Yours sincerely,

María OLIVÁN AVILÉS Head of Unit