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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/2058**

Dear Ms Da Silva,

We refer to your request registered on 17/04/24 under the above mentioned reference number in which you make a request for access to documents.

You request access to “all documents (including emails, notes, briefings, correspondence, presentations) related to Director-General Koen Doens' meeting with the Tony Blair Institute on 08/03/2023”.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- *Email exchanges to schedule the meeting between Director-General Koen Doens and the Tony Blair Institute on 08/03/2023, subject: “TBI Tech projects and Countries relevant to Global Gateway”, accompanied by annex “EU Global Gateway and TBI Tech Offer”, presentation provided by the Tony Blair Institute;*
- *Follow up email exchanges between INTPA staff and the Tony Blair Institute:*
  - *Email by INTPA staff, subject “Courtesy call with representatives from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change - 16th March 2023”*
  - *Email by INTPA staff, subject “Follow-up call with representatives from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change - 15th September 2023”*
  - *Email exchanges between INTPA staff and staff of the Tony Blair Institute*
    - *Email subject “FW: Follow up”*
    - *Email subject “Meeting”*
    - *Emails subject “TBI-INTPA meeting” and “RE: TBI-INTPA meeting”*
  - *Tony Blair Institute note titled: “Internal Note Takeaways from the Africa Climate Summit 2023/Africa positioning”*

With regard to all documents listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents 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 natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person such as their function.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation 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 not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Please note that documents originating from a third party (in this case the Tony Blair Institute) is disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released document without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on it. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

Please note that documents: *Email by INTPA staff, subject "Courtesy call with representatives from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change - 16th March 2023"* and *Email by INTPA staff, subject "Follow-up call with representatives from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change - 15th September 2023"* were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials of the Directorate-General for International Partnerships. They solely reflect the author's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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'

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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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