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*By registered letter and by email:*  
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Dear Ms Verheecke,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/5155**

We refer to your email dated 1 October 2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 2 October 2015 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns *"all communication, including emails, and documents (agenda, minutes, list of participants, etc.) related to the meeting between Cecilia Malmström and the Goldman Sachs Group in Washington on 23rd September 2015"*.

Commissioner Malmström met with Ambassador Zoellick in his capacity as former USTR to discuss transatlantic trade policy issues. The fact that Ambassador Zoellick currently works for Goldman Sachs did not have a bearing on the meeting and no company-related issues were raised.

There is no specific record of the meeting. Therefore, we regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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Yours sincerely,

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