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**Subject : Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/0892, GestDem No 2016/0893 and GestDem No 2016/0930**

Dear Mr Hoedeman,

We refer to your e-mails dated 23/02/2016 in which you make requests for access to documents to distinct Commission departments, on behalf of Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), registered on 24/02/2016 respectively under the reference numbers GestDem No 2016/0892, GestDem No 2016/0893 and GestDem No 2016/0930 and to our correspondence in this file.

I refer in particular to your email of 21/04/2016, in which you replied to our request for clarifications of 15/03/2016 (Ares(2016)1299393). We would like to draw your attention to the fact that, as indicated in that request, the 15 working days time limit for handling your applications has started running when we received the requested clarifications from you. Consequently, the new time limit for handling your applications GestDem No 2016/0892, GestDem No 2016/0893 and GestDem No 2016/0930 expires on 18/05/2015.

However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your aforementioned applications within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 18/05/2016.

An extended time limit is needed in particular as the handling of your request requires coordination among several Commission departments.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents<sup>1</sup>. The new time limit expires on 08/06/2016 for your applications GestDem No 2016/0892, GestDem No 2016/0893 and GestDem No 2016/0930.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

You have lodged your application via the AsktheEU.org website. Please note that this is a private website which has no link with any institution of the European Union. Therefore the European Commission cannot be held accountable for any technical issues or problems linked to the use of this system.

Yours faithfully,

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