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Dear Mr Harmsen,

Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem 2016/1299 and GestDem 2016/1300

We refer to your e-mails dated 14 March 2016 in which you make requests for access to documents, registered on 15 March 2016 under the above mentioned reference numbers.

Your applications are currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your applications within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 08 April 2016.

An extended time limit is needed as one of the applications concerns a large number of documents, and for both of the applications documents are held by different services which must be consulted.

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. The new time limit expires on 29 April 2016.

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

Yours sincerely,

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