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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/3268

Dear Mr Harris

I refer to your two e-mails submitted on 9 June which were registered on 10 June (GESTDEM 2016/3238 Task Force for Better Implementation 2.2) and on 13 June (GESTDEM 2016/3268 Task Force for Better Implementation 2.1) respectively.

Given the identical submission date and similarity in subject and formulation the one registered earlier was mistakenly considered a duplication and only the one registered later was duly treated for which I apologise.

It is noted that your application registered on 10 June concerns a considerable number of document(s) originating from several Member States. The need to consult the concerned Member States in accordance with Article 4(4) and 4(5) of Regulation 1049/2001, cannot be expected to be completed within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of Regulation 1049/2001.

However, the Article 6(3) of the Regulation also provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application relates to a very long document or concerns a very large number of documents.

According to our first estimates, a maximum of 29 working days counting from the date of your e-mail below sent on 10 August 2016 would be necessary to satisfy your request.

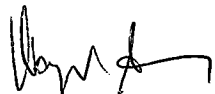
The time need is broken down as follows:

- identification of the documents falling under your request: 5 working days;
- retrieval and establishment of a complete list of the documents identified: 3 working days;
- assessment of the content of the documents in light of the exceptions of Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001: 3 working days:

- Member State consultations under Article 4(4) and/or 4(5) of Regulation 1049/2001: 8 working days;
- final assessment of the documents in light of the comments received: 4 working days;
- drafting of the reply: 1 working day;
- redaction of those parts of the documents to which one or several exceptions apply(ies): 2 working days;
- internal approval of the draft decision on your request: 1 working day;
- preparation of the reply and the documents for dispatch (scanning of the redacted versions, administrative treatment,...): 1 working day.

I genuinely thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Yours faithfully


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