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Subject: Your confirmatory applications for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/4392

Dear Mr Dohle,

I refer to your email registered on 21 November 2016, by which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ ('Regulation 1049/2001').

I also refer to our holding reply of 6 December 2016, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 10 January 2017.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing internal and external consultations, we are not yet in a position to provide you with our reply. Upon completion of these consultations, the draft decision corresponding to your request will be submitted for approval of the Secretary-General.

I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply as soon as possible. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

M . hrije Martin Kröger Head of Unit

Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.