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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/4441**

Dear Mr Schindler,

I refer to your e-mail dated 01/08/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 08/08/2016 under the above mentioned reference number. We also refer to our holding reply of 19/08/2016 concerning the extension of the deadline. We would like to apologize for the delay in replying to your request.

Your application concerns: "any document that relates to an ancillary copyright ("Leistungsschutzrecht" für Presseverleger), both referring to existing or proposed laws in EU Member states as well as any information relating to the introduction of such right into EU legislation". You are "especially but not exclusively looking for information in the form of proposals, memos, studies, notes, meeting records, letters to Commissioner Oettinger and Cabinet staff members dealing with EU copyright and the protection of press publishers by application or amendment of EU copyright law".

Given the broad scope of the application, a rather large number of documents are concerned. As regard several of these documents, we are still in the process of consulting other Commission services.

It is due to this reason that we have not been in a position to send a reply. We would like to however assure you that we treat this request with the utmost urgency.

We thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

'e-Signed'  
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