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**Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem No 2016/5169**

Dear Mr. Teffer,

It is referred to your e-mail dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

We would like to clarify that Article 53 of the Directive 2013/53/EU requires Member States to lay down rules on penalties but it does not require them to submit any specific notification about the implementation of this Article. As a result, the European Commission has not received any specific notifications from the Member States on the provisions on penalties and, in addition, there has been no specific communication with the Member States about this Article.

Nevertheless, the provisions of Article 53 have to be transposed into national legislation and implemented by Member States. Therefore, we inform you that the Commission received the transposed texts from 21 Member States so far. These Member States are:

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden

As provisions on penalties are part of these transposed texts, we duly make available the transposed texts for your consideration. We enclose copies of the documents requested.

Please note that these documents were received by the Commission from a Member State. It is disclosed for information only.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: Documents (25)