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Mr Jesùs ESCUDERO

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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/5992

Dear Mr Escudero,

I refer to your letter of 22 December 2016, registered on the following day, 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 23 January 2017, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory application was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 13 February 2017.

We have not yet finalised our internal consultations, therefore, we will not be able to respond within the extended time-limit.

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,

Martin Kröger Head of Unit

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Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.