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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/6351

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 31/10/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.¹ You sent your request to the Secretariat General of the European Commission and, after your clarifications, the request was registered on 11/11/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

In your e-mail of 31/10/2016, you request access to *all correspondence (including emails), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings between officials/representatives of the European Commission (the Secretariat General and all other DGs, including all Commissioners, their cabinets and the Commission Presidents José Manuel Barroso (former) and Jean-Claude Juncker and their cabinets) and the following individuals:*

- Chrystia Freeland (current Canadian Minister of International Trade)
- Ed Fast (Canadian Minister of International Trade from 2011 till 2015)
- Peter Van Loan (Canadian Minister of International Trade from 2010 till 2011)
- Stockwall Day (Canadian Minister of International Trade from 2008 till 2010) (between May 2009 and October 2016).

In your e-mail of 10/11/2016 your clarified the scope of your request and proposed to limit it to *documents/communications (as specified) related to the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)*. You further clarified that you wished to limit the European Commission services falling within the scope of your request to the following: *SG, DG TRADE, DG SANCO/SANTE, DG ENV, DG AGRI and*

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

DG ENTR/GROWTH (including all Commissioners, their cabinets and the Commission Presidents José Manuel Barroso (former) and Jean-Claude Juncker and their cabinets).

We have identified one document that falls within the scope of your request. This document, registered by the Commission under reference number Ares(2014)409678, is a letter that was sent by the Canadian government to the previous Commissioner for Trade, Mr. Karel De Gucht, and to the previous Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Dacian Cioloș, on 19/02/2014.

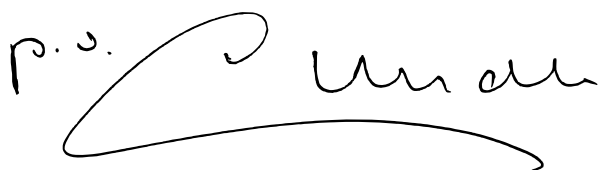
Please note that this letter (Ares(2014)409678) has already been identified by the Commission services as falling within the scope of your application for access to documents registered on 11/11/2016 under reference GestDem No 2016/6348. Notably, in its reply of 10/07/2017 the Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE) has identified this letter as Document 8 of the correspondence listed in Annex I.²

In its reply of 10/07/2017, DG TRADE has also provided a detailed assessment of the possibility to grant access to this document in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

In such circumstances, I would like to refer to the assessment and the explanations provided in DG TRADE letter of 10/07/2017 relating to the document at issue.

Having our services identified only this letter as falling within the scope of your request, please note that this completes our reply and closes your request GestDem No 2016/6351.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Sauze-Vandevyver', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Nathalie SAUZE-VANDEVYVER

² Letter Ares(2017)3468797.