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Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem No 2017/0207

Dear Mr Dohle,

I refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 12 January 2017 under the above mentioned reference number. Your application concerns documents which state the reason of the cancellation of the following four contracts:

CARDS 2003/ 060 611: Independent Youth Media Network for the advocacy of the children rights in Information & Communication Society across the Balkans;

CARDS 2003/073 254: Child trafficking in the Western Balkans in the form of illegal and commercial adoption

DDH 2004/089 693: Children rights in Ukraine Public Care: from institutional care to family-based care. The monitoring and promotion of the rights of the children without parental tutelage

CDC 2003/020 185: Prevention of child abandonment, development of sustainable health and promotion of social-educational inclusion for disabled children in Morocco.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Following advanced searches and internal consultations, we have come to the conclusion that none of the first three references mentioned above was a valid contract, awarded following procurement procedure and signed by the two parties. These references correspond to tender

proposals which were submitted by the entity Amici dei Bambini to the following calls for proposals:

- EUROPEAID/114704/C/SV/Multi-Support to free and independent media in the Western Balkans – Budget Line B7-541
- EUROPEAID/116567/C/G/Multi-Democratic stabilisation and civil society support in the Western Balkans
- EUROPEAID/119508/C/G/Multi-Support for democratization, good governance and the rule of law.

Please find below the award lists for these calls for proposals. As you can check, the entity in question was not awarded any grant contract.

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In addition, please note that according to the Procurement and Grants for European Union external actions practical guide (PRAG) unsuccessful proposals have to be kept for three years from the submission deadline of the call. As the calls for proposals were launched in 2002, 2003 and 2004, the European Commission does no longer have in its archives any document related to the proposals submitted by the entity in question.

Concerning the fourth contract mentioned in your request, *CDC 2003/020 185: Prevention of child abandonment, development of sustainable health and promotion of social-educational inclusion for disabled children in Morocco*, this contract had a normal life-cycle with payments and prolongation, with the final report and the audit report received in May 2007.

Since you requested access to *"documents which state the reason of the cancellation"*, we inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application. Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

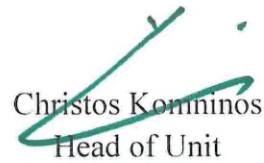
Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,



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