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**Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/7260**

Dear Mr Harmsen,

We refer to your letter dated 23/12/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents registered under number GESTDEM 2016/7249. This request has been duplicated for Secretariat General and carries the number GESTDEM 2016/7260, as far as the Secretariat General is concerned.

Your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 23/01/2017.

An extended time limit is needed as your application potentially concerns a particularly wide range of documents and requires substantial research and coordination. Moreover, some documents may originate from third parties which have to be consulted.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 14/02/2017.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,

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