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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2016/7239

Dear Mr Harmsen,

I refer to your application of 23 December 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001,¹ registered under the above mentioned reference number, and to your email of the same day in which you clarify the scope of such request.

In particular, you would like to receive access to:

"- on the topic of endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters), all emails with in attachment scientific studies, or in general documents containing conclusions drawn by scientists or scientific organisations, sent to officials/representatives of the European Commission (all DGs, including the SG) by third parties (between March 15th 2016 and December 22th 2016).

This request entails the emails and their attachments.

When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as the Commission President and his Cabinet."

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

I regret to inform you that no documents were found that would fall under the scope of your request.

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:

European Commission
Secretary-General
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,



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