

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

Director-General

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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/0196

Dear Mr Harmsen.

We refer to your e-mail dated 22/12/2016 in which you make a request sent to the Secretariat General of the European Commission (GestDem 2016/7259), which was split and assigned to several Directorates-General on 11 January 2017, as well as to our two Holding replies sent on 23/01/2017 and 13/02/2017. The part assigned to the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport was registered under the above mentioned reference number.

You have requested the following documents:

All internal documents, correspondence (including emails), agendas, phone logs, minutes of meetings or any other reports of such meetings where the implications of the election of Donald Trump as US president and the effects for the TTIP negotiations were discussed by officials of the European Commission (all DGs including the Secretariat-General and services such as the EEAS) between November 9th 2016 and December 22nd 2016.

We regret to 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 of the European Parliament and the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

¹ OJ L145 31.05.2001, p. 43.

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 Transparency unit SG-B-4 BERL 5/282 B-1049 Bruxelles

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Yours sincerely,

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