

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Director-General

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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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**Subject:** 

Your application for access to documents pursuant to Regulation (EC)N°1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents – Ref. GestDem N° 2017/0195

Dear Mr Harmsen,

I refer to your email of 22/12/2016, registered on 23/12/2016, under the GestDem N° 2016/7259, by which you make a request pursuant to Regulation N° 1049/2001 regarding access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup>. Since your request covers aspects falling under the responsibility of different Commission's services, your request has been split between the Commission's services. Concerning DG Communication your request has been registered under the GestDem n° 2017/0195.

You request access to "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 22th 2016."

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. We regret to inform you that no documents were found by DG Communication corresponding to the description given in your application.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

Should you disagree with the above assessment, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to introduce 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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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Timo Pesonen