



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the TEU

Deputy Chief Negotiator

Brussels, **13 09 17**
tf50(2017) save 4928993

Mr Gareth Rose
ROOM PMO3
Scottish Parliament
EH99 1SP Edinburgh
United Kingdom

**By email: ask+request-4482-
9be53280@asktheeu.org**

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/4674

Dear Mr Rose,

We refer to your e-mail dated 07/08/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 11/08/2017 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to the minutes of the meeting (in Brussels, on July 13) between Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier.

We enclose a copy of the document requested:

- Ares(2017)4182877 Minutes between Mr Barnier and Ms Sturgeon

The document to which you have requested access contains personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable.

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons

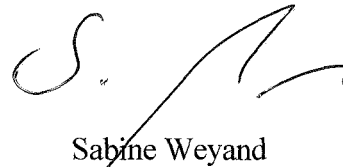
concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Weyand', written over a horizontal line.

Sabine Weyand