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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/5844

Dear Mr Piper,

We refer to your e-mail of 10 October 2017, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, by which you make a request pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You asked:

- 1. The job description for the role of TF50.01 'Cross-cutting policies and level playing field' at the time of appointment and, if amended, at the date of this request.*
- 2. I understand from the organogram that the person in post TF50.01 is Nicola Pesaresi. Please provide me with the date they were appointed to this post.*
- 3. Please provide the latest set of TF50 slides used to update Commission staff on how the 'level playing field' may look.*

1. With reference to your question related to the role of TF50.01 'Cross-cutting policies and level playing field' we refer to the European Council guidelines for the Brexit negotiations² which state that any agreement with the United Kingdom will have to be based on a balance of rights and obligations, and ensure a level playing field. The European Council guidelines also stipulate that any free trade agreement must ensure a level playing field, notably in terms of competition and state aid, and in this regard encompass safeguards against unfair competitive advantages through, inter alia, tax, social, environmental and regulatory measures and practices.

¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

² <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/04/29-euco-brexit-guidelines/>

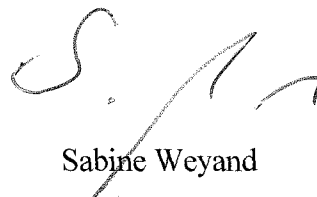
2. Mr Nicola Pesaresi was appointed to the post in the Task Force on 1 November 2016.
3. With reference to your request for "the latest set of TF50 slides used to update Commission staff on how the 'level playing field' may look" the Task Force does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Indeed, 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 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:

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Yours sincerely,



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