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***By registered mail with
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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/7256

We refer to your e-mail dated 29/11/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 01/12/2017 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You are requesting the following documents: *"Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting all correspondence, including emails and attachments and all sorts of documents exchanged since 9th November 2017 and now between:*

- *Martin Selmayr and all members of the cabinet of Health Commissioner V. Andriukaitis - in particular Arūnas Vinčiūnas, the head of cabinet.*
- *Martin Selmayr and representatives of the government of Germany.*
- *Commissioner Andriukaitis' cabinet members and representatives of the government of Germany.*

The purpose of my request is to better understand the circumstances having led to the European Commission to maintain its proposal for a 5-years re-authorisation of the active substance glyphosate unchanged - but I am asking for all the correspondence, not only documents mentioning glyphosate".

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of another Directorate-General, parts of your request have been attributed to another Directorate-General¹. This reply relates only to the second bullet point in your request.

You have received, or will receive, the reply from the other Directorate-General in due course.

¹ Under reference number GestDem 2017/7255 DG SANTE will reply.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, 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
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Sleath', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William SLEATH