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Dear Mr Sabido,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem 2018/0723

We refer to your e-mail dated 22 January 2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 2 February 2018 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to

"- a list of all lobby meetings held by DG GROW, since 24 June 2016 on Brexit and the article 50 negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU. The list should include: date, Commission attendees, the name of the organisation(s) attending, and a more precise topic if that exists;

- minutes of all lobby meetings held by DG GROW, since 24 June 2016 on Brexit and the article 50 negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU;

- any correspondence with lobbyists held by DG GROW, since 24 June 2016 on Brexit and the article 50 negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU".

We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 22 January 2018.

We have only identified one document falling in the scope of your request. The document is the following: "Flash on meeting with EUCOPE - Ares(2017)6227913".

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,



Eric Mamer

Annexe:

- Flash on meeting with EUCOPE - Ares(2017)6227913