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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Dear Sir.

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/6982

We refer to your e-mail dated 15/12/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 29/12/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns all internal and external documents related to the European Pilotgroup on Intercounty Adoption, established by The Netherlands. Especially, but not limited to, the meeting in November 2013 in Geneva.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found 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 the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, 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:

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Yours faithfully,

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