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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt
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Subject: Your application for access to documents - GESTDEM 2019/590

Dear Ms Friel,

We refer to your e-mail dated 31 January 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- The replies and supporting documents submitted by the Member States in response to the Commission's questionnaire on the implementation of the landing obligation in 2018;
- The replies and supporting documents submitted by Croatia, France, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and the UK in response to the Commission's questionnaire on the implementation of the landing obligation in 2017.

As a preamble, it must be reminded that Regulation (EU) No 2015/812¹ introduced an obligation for the Commission to report annually on the implementation of the landing obligation based on information transmitted by Member States, the Advisory Councils and other relevant sources to the Commission. The completion of the questionnaire set up by the Commission is not compulsory for the Member States and they submit their reports on a strict voluntary basis.

For the annual reports for 2018, and in accordance with the provision of Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, we had to consult the Member States that have sent their 2018 annual report in order to

¹ Regulation (EU) 2015/812 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 amending Council Regulations (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2187/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 2347/2002 and (EC) No 1224/2009, and Regulations (EU) No 1379/2013 and (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the landing obligation, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1434/98 (OJ L 133, 29.5.2015, p. 1–20).

have their agreement on a possible disclosure. Please find attached the documents concerned. The Commission does not hold any other 2018 report.

For the annual reports for 2017, some Member States did not send a report. The Commission therefore confirms that it does not hold any other report that the ones already transmitted to you under a previous request to access to documents.

You are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to submit 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretary-General
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Yours sincerely,

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