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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/0594

Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your e-mail dated 31 January 2019 in which you make a request for access for the following documents:

- *A list of meetings with (representatives of) organisations and self-employed individuals held by commissioners Günther Oettinger, Cecilia Malmström, and Johannes Hahn at the World Economic Forum this year.*
- *All documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, e-mails, and presentations - related to those meetings in Davos*

Your request has been split between DG TRADE and DG BUDG. DG TRADE replies to your request under reference number **GestDem No 2019/0594** while DG BUDG will reply to your request separately under GestDem No 2019/0593.

Commissioner Cecilia Malmström did not hold any meetings with representatives of organisations or self-employed individuals at the World Economic Forum this year in Davos. Consequently no documents corresponding to the description given in your application were found.

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 fulfil your request.

However we can confirm that Commissioner Malmström's participation in Davos was focused on a number of bilateral meetings with her counterpart Ministers from different countries, as well as participation in a number of trade related meetings organised by other countries on the multilateral trade agenda.

Commissioner Malmström participated on Thursday 24 January as a speaker in the following World Economic Forum sessions ¹:

- "The Future of the European Union";
- "Global Trade at a Tipping Point";
- "The new impetus for Europe";
- "Putting Europe's Union to the test" (France24)

Commissioner Malmström participated in the WTO informal ministerial gathering that led to the launch of talks on e-commerce on Friday 25 January:
<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1974>

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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¹ See:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzRuBwb0Vzw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDtPStjznhc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rr9P9So0tag>