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By registered letter with
acknowledgment of receipt

Advanced copy per e-mail

**Subject: Your application for access to documents: reference number
GESTDEM 2019/2072**

Dear Ms Rojas,

Thank you for your request addressed to several Directorates General.

Your request, which referred to three meetings with the Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Chief Negotiator and former Commissioner Michel Barnier, was as follows:

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

All documents - including but not limited to minutes, notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, e-mails, and presentations – produced, exchanged and related to the following meetings between Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio, Head of the Mission of the Holy See to the European Union and at the time:

- Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, 4 March 2019.*
- Valdis Dombrovskis, Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, 18 February 2019.*
- Michel BARNIER, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, 28 February 2013.*

Firstly, I would like to inform you that there was only one meeting between the Vice-President Dombrovskis and the Apostolic Nuncio Alain Paul Lebeaupin, given that the meeting, initially scheduled for 18 February 2019 was postponed to 4 March 2019. We

have identified only one document linked to this meeting held on 4 March 2019, in form of the minutes of the meeting.

Furthermore, no documents were identified concerning the meeting with Chief Negotiator and former Commissioner Michel Barnier.

After the examination of the document mentioned in the of the Article 4(3), 1 (a), third indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹, I have to refuse access to this document which would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards international relations. The Holy See is considered a Third Member State and can benefit of the protection linked to international relations. The record for the meeting dated 4 March 2019 contains sensitive information the transmission of which could harm the future bilateral relations with the Holy See.

If you would like the position of the Commission's services to be reviewed you should write to the Commission's Secretary General at the address below, confirming your initial request. You have fifteen working days to do so from receipt of this letter. After that period, your initial request will be considered as having been withdrawn.

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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Yours sincerely,



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¹ Official Journal L 145, 31/05/2001, p. 43 – 48.