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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/975

Dear Ms Eberhardt,

We refer to your application of 19/02/2020, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You requested “a list of all lobby meetings held by Taskforce members since 1 January 2019, in which the future EU-UK trade deal has been discussed. The list should include: date, Taskforce attendees, the name of the organisation(s) attending, and a more precise topic if that exists.”

Please find enclosed the list of all meetings held by the members of the Task Force from 1 January 2019 until the date of your request (19 February 2020).

The list includes the date, the topic of the meeting and the organisation. However, the disclosure of the names of the Task Force participants is prevented by Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001, which stipulates that ‘access to a document is refused where 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’.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you

¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, access cannot be granted to the personal data because there are reasons to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subjects concerned would be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data, as there is a real and non-hypothetical risk that such public disclosure would harm their privacy and subject them to unsolicited external contacts.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,



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