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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/1279

We refer to your e-mail of 2 March 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 4 March 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, e-mails, and presentations - related to specific meetings of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans with different stakeholder groups over the period December 2019 to February 2020, which you have identified.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to Directorate-General Climate Action, under **Gestdem reference 2020/1301**.

This reply relates only to the documents held by the Secretariat-General.

Your application concerns the following documents, which can be disclosed to you, subject to the limitations set out below:

- Invitation to the CER Board meeting, dated 13 December 2019 (Ares(2019)7908363)
- Invitation to meeting with CER CEOs, dated 6 January 2020 (Ares(2020)37184)
- Email regarding the joint Copa and Cogeca Praesidia meeting, dated 18 February 2020 (Ares(2020)106768)
- Invitation (email) to the joint Copa and Cogeca Praesidia meeting, dated 18 December 2019 (Ares(2020)72696)
- Email reply to invitation for joint Copa and Cogeca Praesidia meeting, dated 23 January 2020 (Ares(2020)425805)

- Letter and report (“Paving the way to carbon-neutral transport) from the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), dated 4 February 2020 (Ares(2020)733148)
- Email correspondence regarding joint meeting request (email) Ingka Group (IKEA) and Unilever, dated between 4 November and 12 December 2019 (Ares(2019)7796041)
- Email correspondence regarding a meeting with General Electric (GE) at the World Economic Forum (Davos), dated between 6-10 January 2020 (Ares(2020)189948)
- Letter from the Coca-Cola Company regarding a meeting at the World Economic Forum (Davos), dated 6 January 2020 (Ares(2020)68058)
- Correspondence (email) regarding a meeting with Apple at the World Economic Forum (Davos), dated between 7 and 9 January 2020 Ares(2020)129495
- Letter and email regarding a meeting with Apple at the World Economic Forum (Davos), dated 6 and 10 February 2020 (Ares(2020)901268)
- Correspondence (emails) regarding a meeting with Vereniging van Nederlandse Gemeenten/Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), dated 2 December 2019 (Ares(2019)6432419)
- Email regarding a meeting with Vereniging van Nederlandse Gemeenten/Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), dated 4 December 2020 (Ares(2019)7465144)
- Email correspondence regarding a meeting with Google, dated 19 December 2020 (Ares(2020)3201)
- Summary record of a meeting with the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) on 31 January 2020 (Ares(2019)1960701)
- Meeting request and position paper Suez, dated 28 October 2019 (Ares(2019)6099165)
- Email summary meeting report COPA-COGECA, dated 13 February 2020 (Ares(2020)999773)

Please note that the documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

A complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person

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 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 express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Yours faithfully,

e-signed
John WATSON

Enclosures: Ares(2019)3201; Google, 1 document
Ares(2020)37184; CER, 1 document
Ares(2020)68058; Coca-Cola, 1 document
Ares(2019)72696; Copa-Cogeca, 2 documents
Ares(2020)129495; Apple, 1 document
Ares(2020)189948; Renewable Energy, 1 document
Ares(2020)425805; Copa-Cogeca, 1 document
Ares(2020)733148; ACEA, 3 documents
Ares(2020)901268; Apple, 2 documents
Ares(2020)1067681; Copa-Cogeca, 1 document
Ares(2020)1960701; ACEA, 1 document
Ares(2019)6432419; VNG, 1 document
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