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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/3457**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail of 5 June 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 June 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “*a copy of each Access to Documents request from 2018 and 2019 that was refused registration because the requesting person did not provide a postal address*”.

We have identified two documents matching the criteria of your request (ref ARES(2019)1619839 and ARES(2019)1667106), for which partial access can be granted.

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 of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names and contact details of other natural persons.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39.

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 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.

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General

Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'

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Yours faithfully,

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