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Dear Mr Omidiran,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4015

We refer to your communication dated 2/07/2020 in which you made a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You will find enclosed all documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising the following meetings:

- meeting between members of the cabinet of President Ursula von der Leyen and the European Steel Association (EUROFER) regarding the Emissions Trading System indirect costs and state aid on 26/05/20
- meeting between members of the cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V.(VCI) regarding the European Green Deal and recovery on 06/04/20

Please note that some of the documents contain personal data that has been redacted according to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2018/1725¹) and to the internal rules of procedure of the Commission. As your request does not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, and does not establish the necessity to have the data transmitted, I conclude that access cannot be granted to these personal data.

¹ 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.

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.

Your request also encompassed a meeting between members of the cabinet of President Ursula von der Leyen and Cerame-Unie regarding the EU Emissions Trading System on 13/05/20 and a meeting between members of the cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans and Air Liquide regarding the Clean Hydrogen Alliance on 26/05/20.

Upon reviewing the documents related to these two meetings, it emerged that some of them are authored by third parties. As regards third-party documents, Article 4, paragraph 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides that ‘the institution shall consult the third party with a view to assessing whether an exception in paragraph 1 or 2 is applicable, unless it is clear that the document shall or shall not be disclosed’. In both these cases, it was determined that the third parties involved should be consulted regarding disclosure of these documents. You will receive the documents which can be shared, partly or fully, once the third parties have had an opportunity to express their preference and rationale regarding the sharing of these documents.

You should send any such confirmatory application within 15 working days of receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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