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LA VERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL LE LLEGARÁ MÁS ADELANTE

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/0305

Dear Mr Garrido Fabián,

I refer to your e-mail of 18 January 2021, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number, in which you request access to “all the correspondence (including reports, official letters, emails, databases, attached documents, minutes and meeting memoranda, in addition to any other type of public document not mentioned in the previous list) sent or received by the General Secretariat or the Presidency of the European Commission, and specifically by President Ursula Von der Leyen and her team, from 1 January, 2020 to the present on the COVID-19 pandemic and issues related to it with the following regional governments in Spain:

- *Government of Cantabria* [Especially with President Miguel Ángel Revilla and his team].
- *Government of Castilla-La Mancha*, known as Junta de Communities de Castilla-La Mancha [Especially with President Emiliano García-Page and his team].
- *Government of Castilla y León*, known as Junta de Castilla y León [Especially with President Alfonso Fernández Mañueco and his team].
- *Government of the Valencian Community*, known as Generalitat Valenciana [Especially with President Ximo Puig and his team].
- *Government of Extremadura* [Especially with President Guillermo Fernández Vara and his team].”

You also asked that “both the communications from the Spanish regional governments and the responses to these letters sent by Von der Leyen or any other member of her team” be included. In the event that some of the letters have not been answered by the Commission you requested that this also indicated be to you.

I regret to inform you that we do not have any documents related to this access to documents request.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no documents corresponding to the description given in your application are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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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Yours sincerely,

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