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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/2175**

Dear Ms Douo,

We refer to your e-mail of 8 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day 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, e-mails, and presentations, correspondence (i.e. any emails, correspondence, telephone call notes, and/or text messages including WhatsApp exchanges) - related to the videoconference held between Commissioner Thierry Breton and BASF SE, CEMBUREAU - The European Cement Association (CEMBUREAU) FuelsEurope (FuelsEurope), The European Steel Association (EUROFER), EUROMETAUX, Fertilizers Europe, European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) and Confederation of European Paper Industries (Cepi) on March 23 2021, as per Mr Breton's online calendar.”*

We have identified the enclosed 2 documents falling within the scope of your request.

With regard to the above mentioned documents, 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:

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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.

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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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Sincerely yours,

*(electronically signed)*

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