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Dear Ms Martin,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/2245

We refer to your e-mail dated 8 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12 April 2021 under the abovementioned reference number.

Your request concerns a list of all meetings where Coca-Cola, any trade organisation which they are a member of, or a third party organisation which represents them, were held since 1 January 2018. In addition, in your email of 12 April 2021 you clarified that your request refers to documents related to meetings held by Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius (and his Cabinet members), his predecessor Commissioner Karmenu Vella (and his Cabinet members) and Executive Vice President Timmermans' (and his Cabinet members) with Coca Cola or companies or associations (as provided in your clarification) which represent them on the subjects of the circular economy, the European Green Deal, single-use plastic, plastics tax and the Single-Use Plastics Directive; as well as any meetings on those subjects with DG Environment and DG Climate Action.

Among the services processing your request, the Secretariat-General was in charge of identifying documents relating to the meetings on the European Green Deal with the Executive Vice-President Timmermans and his Cabinet members. However, the Cabinet of the Executive Vice-President Timmermans does not hold any documents that would correspond to this request as described in your application.

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 such documents that correspond to the description given in your application are held by the Cabinet of the Executive Vice-President Timmermans, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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 of receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

e-signed

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