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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/2899

Dear Mr Aitchison,

We refer to your e-mail dated 29 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 4 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to: *“All documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising, the following meetings between:*

- i. *BusinessEurope and Mauro Raffaele Petriccione, Director-General, on 23/03/2021 regarding EU ETS*
- ii. *European Round Table for Industry (ERT) and Frans Timmermans on 23/11/2020 regarding Green Deal and industrial policy; green recovery*
- iii. *Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Mauro Raffaele Petriccione, Director-General, on 18/02/2020 regarding Green Deal*
- iv. *Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Mauro Raffaele Petriccione, Director-General, on 18/09/2018 regarding Long Term Strategy; Emission Trading System /implementation and future developments*
- v. *Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Silvia Bartolini, Cabinet member of Miguel Arias Cañete, on 13/04/2018, regarding Clean Energy for all European Package ongoing negotiations*
- vi. *Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Silvia Bartolini, Cabinet member of Miguel Arias Cañete, on 21/01/2015, regarding the Energy Union”.*

DG CLIMA has identified the following documents:

	Author	Date	Reference
1	European Round Table for Industry	21 October 2020	Ares(2020)5709708
2	European Round Table for Industry	21 October 2020	Ares(2020)5709708
3	European Round Table for Industry	21 October 2020	Ares(2020)5709708
4	European Round Table for Industry/ European Commission	30 October 2020	Ares(2020)6141904
5	European Round Table for Industry	8 December 2020	Ares(2020)7597478
6	European Round Table for Industry	8 December 2020	Ares(2020)7597478
7	European Commission	30 November 2020	Ares(2020)7207345
8	European Commission	20 February 2020	Ares(2020)1096113
9	European Commission	25 March 2021	Ares(2021) 2100023
10	European Commission	15 February 2019	Ares(2019)931571

Following an examination of identified documents under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of the documents 1-6 and 8-10 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: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names and contact

details of other natural persons and other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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

Please note that documents 7-10 were drawn up for internal use. They solely reflect the author's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which were not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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