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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2021/3992**

Dear Ms Balanyá,

I refer to your e-mail of 8 July 2021, registered on 12 July 2021, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 6 May 2021 in which you requested, I quote:

‘1- all correspondence (including email) between 1 January 2021 and 6 May 2021 between Commissioner Simson and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, on one hand and stakeholders on the other, where the issue of the carbon border adjustment mechanism is addressed.

2 - list of meetings / video-calls / calls between 1 December 2020 and 6 May 2021 between officials and/or representatives of the European Commission and stakeholders where the issue of the carbon border adjustment mechanism is addressed.

3 - minutes of the meetings / video-calls / calls mentioned above’.

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Energy. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 8 July 2021.

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 4 August 2021, reference Ares(2021)4960902. In its reply, the Directorate-General for Energy granted you wide partial access to two documents, subject to redactions of personal data based on the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(b) (protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 4 August 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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