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Subject: Your application for access to documents - GESTDEM 2021/6027

Dear Ms. Hirst,

I refer to your e-mail of 18 November 2021, registered on 19 November 2021, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) 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 8 October 2021, in which you requested access to the following documents:

‘- All documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on 2021-09-17 between Arto Virtanen and Olai Voionmaa and Microsoft Corporation.’

A holding reply was sent to you, dated 5 November 2021, our reference Ares(2021)6812558, whereby we informed you that the time limit for handling your application was extended by 15 working days pursuant to Article 7(3), and given the

¹ Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

scope of your application. However, as you did not receive any initial reply from the Directorate-General International Partnerships within the initial statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 18 November 2021.

In the meantime, the Directorate-General International Partnerships sent you its initial reply of 16 November 2021 on 20 December 2021².

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology of 22 November 2021.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of the letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

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² It is registered under reference Ares(2021)7039910.