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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2021/6159**

Dear Ms Mauro,

I refer to your application dated 12 October 2021 registered on 15 October 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns *“the Declarations of Interest of the authors of the JRC Technical assessment of nuclear energy with respect to the ‘do no significant harm’ criteria of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (‘Taxonomy Regulation’)”*.

I regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any document that would correspond to the description given in your application.

The technical assessment has been exclusively drafted by members of the European civil service and has not been the subject of consultation to external experts. The Members of the European civil service are subject to a number of rights and obligations governing their actions and behaviour in the exercise of their professional activities. These rules are contained in the Staff Regulation<sup>2</sup> and in the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> According to standard operational procedure, the reply is usually also sent to you by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 epidemics, which includes the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice. We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community; 1962R0031 — EN — 01.01.2016 — 014.001

<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision (C(2000) 3614); Official Journal L 308 , 08/12/2000 P. 0026 - 0034

Article 11 of the Staff Regulation states that an official shall carry out his duties and conduct himself solely with the interests of the Union in mind. He shall neither seek nor take instructions from any government, authority, organisation or person outside his institution. He shall carry out the duties assigned to him objectively, impartially and in keeping with his duty of loyalty to the Union.

As a consequence, staff of the European Commission does not have to sign a declaration of interests.

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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, 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 upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

E-signed  
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