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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/7031 & GESTDEM 2021/7009**

Dear Ms Hirst,

We refer to your e-mails of 15 November 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 16 November 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to documents pertaining to the meeting that was held between Commissioner Schmit and Amazon Europe Core representatives on 29 October 2021.

In your requests 2021/7031, 2021/7009, you ask for 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.

It was concluded that the following documents fall within the scope of your application:

1. Commissioner Schmit meeting Amazon on 29/10/21 – briefing Ares(2021)6978171
2. Commissioner Schmit meeting Amazon on 29/10/21 – flash report Ares(2021)7032798

With regard to the document 1 listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents 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 the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- 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 requested 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 the documents listed were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the Commission. They solely reflect the services interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels

or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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