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Dear Ms Hirst,

## Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/0917

We refer to your request for access to documents on 11 February 2022, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

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You request access to "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 2022-01-26 between Werner Stengg and Computer & Communications Industry Association."

We have identified the following documents related to your request:

- 1. E-mail exchange between Cabinet Vestager and the Computer & Communications Industry Association
- 2. Position paper of the Computer & Communications Industry Association on the EU Artificial Intelligence Act
- 3. Meeting report

With regard to documents 1 and 3, a complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains the following personal data:

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- the names/initials and contact details of other institutions or natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2018/1725) 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 neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

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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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: disclosed documents