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Subject: Your request for access to documents - GestDem 2022/1252

Dear Mr Fanta,

We refer to your email of 1 March 2022 with which you introduced a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

By your application, you requested access to the following:

‘[...] Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

- All documents explicitly mentioning or otherwise relating to the practice of cryptocurrency mining, as well as relating to the energy consumption of crypto-currencies such as Bitcoin or Ethereum. My request includes all communication with other EU officials, member state officials and stakeholders on the subject, including e-mails and minutes of meetings and briefing notes. This specifically is meant to include meeting minutes and follow-up exchanges on a call with Swedish and German officials on February 3, 2022.[...]

On 14 March 2022 we contacted you via email (our reference Ares(2022)1868389) to point you to the fact that parts of your request for access to documents under GestDem 2022/1252 overlap with your previous request GestDem 2022/0079 introduced on 6 January 2022, for which a confirmatory application is currently pending with the Secretariat-General. We therefore asked for your agreement to limit your request for access to documents GestDem 2022/1252 to the newly introduced part *‘[t]his specifically*

is meant to include meeting minutes and follow-up exchanges on a call with Swedish and German officials on February 3, 2022.’ which does not overlap with your previous request GestDem 2022/0079. In your reply of 15 March 2022 you informed us that you agree to proceed in the proposed manner.

After limiting the request as set out above, we have identified the following document as falling within the scope of your request:

- Initiative on bitcoin/proof of work meeting held on 3 February 2022 (Ares(2022)1893225) (**Document 1**)

Please find enclosed a copy of the identified document.

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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

Martin Schauer
Head of Unit

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