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**Subject: Access to document requests – Ref. GESTDEM 2022/4573**

Dear Ms Palstra,

Your request concerning Commissioner Helena Dalli's meeting with Meta (formerly Facebook) on 1 June 2022 was registered on 12 August 2022 under the reference number GESTDEM 2022/4573.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- E-mail exchanges prior to meeting (Ref. Ares(2022)3832477);
- Briefing for Commissioner Dalli for the meeting (Ref. Ares(2022)5113296);
- Minutes of the meeting (Ref. Ares(2022)5131097).

With regard to the documents 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.

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 requests, 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.

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:

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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](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

This reply is sent to you via email only and we would appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to [JUST-D2@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JUST-D2@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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