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Ms Léonie HOGERVORST

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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents – Gestdem 2014/0703**

Dear Ms Hogervorst,

I am writing in reference to your email of 25 February 2014, registered on 26 February 2014, by which you lodge a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter Regulation 1049/2001).

In your initial application of 06 February 2014, you requested access to the following documents:

- *Any reference to or documentation on minutes, notes, papers and other types of documents that include any form of contact between President Barroso, his cabinet and staff, and the European Round Table of Industrialists on "contractual arrangements" between Member States and the Commission, from September 2012 until the present day.*
- *Any reference to or documentation on minutes, notes, papers and other types of documents that include any form of contact between President Barroso, his cabinet and staff, and Business Europe on "contractual arrangements" between Member States and the Commission from September 2012 until the present day.*

By letter of 24 February 2014, you have been provided with an answer to your initial request. In this answer, the Secretariat General confirmed not having been able to identify any document as falling within the scope of your request.

In your confirmatory application, you make a reference to meetings involving President Barroso and claim: "[that] it seems very unlikely that no single document would be available that refers to these meetings".

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L145, 31.05.2001 p.43

Against this background, the Commission has carried out a renewed, thorough search for the documents requested. Following this renewed search, I confirm that the Commission has not identified any documents that would fall under your confirmatory request for access.

Furthermore, I affirm that no minutes have been established following the meetings to which you refer.

In light of these elements, I consider that your confirmatory application is devoid of purpose.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine Day".

Catherine Day