Dear Mr Fanta,

Thank you for your email dated 16 November 2022, our reference Ares(2022)7939912, wherein you replied to our proposal for a fair solution pursuant to Article 6(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, dated 15 November 2022, our reference Ares(2022)7884673.

We apologise for the delay in our response, which was due to the complex and time-consuming process of handling your request, considering the dates and categories of the requested documents as explained in our email of 15 November 2022.

Please note in this respect that in the weeks following your reply and after numerous consultations, the Commission's Historical Archives Service identified 8 binders of paper documents corresponding to the references that we had provided to you in our email of 15 November 2022. These binders were then sent to DG CONNECT and were individually checked in order to verify that the paper documents included therein were relevant for your request and to estimate the approximate number of documents and pages.

Based on this initial check and analysis, at this stage, we have identified more than 160 paper documents dated 1996 and 1997, as per your request, and corresponding to a total of more than 2,000 pages.

In order to help you narrow down your wide scope request please find below the main categories of the documents that we have identified at this stage as relevant for your request and the approximate number of documents and pages, per category:

- **Documents originating from the Commission**: ca. 80 documents, ca. 1,500 pages
  
  Please note that the following sub-categories of documents have been also identified:
  - **Briefings** for meetings of the Commissioner/ representatives of the Commission with various stakeholders: ca. 26 documents, ca. 205 pages
  - **Reports** from meetings with MS/stakeholders: ca. 4 documents, ca. 15 pages
  - Various versions/ texts of the **Commission proposal for the media ownership directive**: ca. 25 documents, ca. 650 pages
  - **Communications** from the Commissioner/ Commission (including various versions thereof): ca. 8 documents, ca. 400 pages
  - **Notes** (to the attention of members of the Commission, DGs, etc): ca. 5 documents, ca. 35 pages
- **Letters** (to other members of the Commission, Member States, stakeholders): ca. 4 documents, ca. 8 pages
- **Documents from the Directorate-General XV** relating to the media ownership directive: ca. 5 documents, ca. 40 pages
- **Documents relating to the work of high level expert groups/Working Groups:** ca. 2 documents, ca. 10 pages
- Documents relating to the **execution of the legislative programme and work programme-1997:** ca. 2 documents, ca. 25 pages

- **Documents originating from third parties** (Members States, stakeholders in the corporate world, organisations): ca. 80 documents, ca. 520 pages

Please note that the following sub-categories of documents have been also identified:

- **Letters, position papers, emails, speeches** from various stakeholders representing publishers, media etc): ca. 65 documents, ca. 430 pages
- **Letters, position papers, speeches** from Member States: ca. 10 documents, ca. 82 pages
- **Documents from organisations** (OECD, UNESCO, etc): ca. 2 documents, ca. 12 pages

In order to limit the excessive administrative burden relating to the handling of your wide-scope request we kindly invite you to specify the category/sub-category of documents that you are interested in.

We would ask you for a swift response to this email. Please respond within three working days, i.e. by 24 January 2023 cob at the latest. Please send your response by email to the following address: CNECT-PUBLIC-ACCESS-TO-xxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx

In the absence of a reply within three working days, we will unilaterally restrict the scope of your application to what can be dealt with within a 15+15 working days period and taking into account the other ‘access to documents’ requests being handled within DG CONNECT at the same time, the global workload of the concerned staff during the same period, the human resources available and the need to safeguard good administration,

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The DG CONNECT Access to Documents Team