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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation
(EC) No 1049/2001 – EASE 2022/5855**

Dear Mr Pace,

I am writing in reference to your confirmatory application registered on 20 December 2022, submitted in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 13 October 2022, registered the same day, in which you requested 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 September 7 between Kurt Vandenbergh and Shell Companies.”

The initial request was assigned to the Secretariat-General. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 20 December 2022.

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 5 January 2023 (under reference number Ares(2023)72075).

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 05 January 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mariusz Daca
Deputy Head of Unit