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*(by e-mail only)*

Dear Madam,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – 2023/0264**

We refer to your application dated 12 January 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

You request 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 30 th 2022 between Gerassimos Thomas and FuelsEurope.”*

Following your request we have identified the following 2 documents that you will find enclosed herewith:

1. Meeting request - E-mail of FuelsEurope of 16 September 2022 (Ares(2022)6565342)
2. DG TAXUD’s summary of the meeting with FuelsEurope of 30/09/2022 (Ares(2022)7252748)

Document 1

This is a document of FuelsEurope. In accordance with Article 4(4) of the Regulation, the third party was consulted as concerns the documents originating from them. They agree with the disclosure of the document, on condition that the personal data was expunged .

Document 2

These are DG TAXUD’s minutes of the meeting with the company.

Having examined the documents requested under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents and taking into account the consultation of the third party, I am pleased to inform you that the documents can be disclosed. Some references to personal data have been redacted (see below under Personal data).

***Personal data***

Documents 1 and 2 to which you have requested access contain personal data (signatures, names Commission and third party officials, office data).

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We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

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Yours sincerely,

*(e-Signed)*

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Head of Unit

Annexes: as stated above