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***By email only – with request for  
explicit acknowledgment of receipt  
by email reply:***

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/0293**

Dear Mr Hoedeman,

I refer to your email of 16 January 2023, in which you make a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup> ('Regulation 1049/2001'), registered on 16 January 2023 under the above-mentioned EASE reference number.

You requested:

*'1) minutes and other notes from DG Trade's meetings (including online meetings) with lobbyists since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 in which the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) was discussed;*

*2) all correspondence between DG Trade and lobby groups in which the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) was discussed (since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022)'.*

We would like to inform you herewith that DG Trade does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of DG Trade.

Given that no such documents corresponding to the description indicated in your application are held by DG Trade, DG Trade is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (Official Journal OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

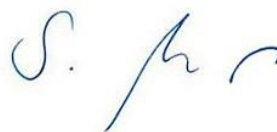
Please note that within the European Commission the Directorate-General for Trade is not in the lead for the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) referred to in your request, for which mainly the Directorate-General for Energy is the lead service.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit such confirmatory application in one of the following manners:

- **by asking for a review via your portal<sup>2</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account); or
- **by email** to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu), or
- **by letter post** addressed to:  
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Secretariat-General  
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Yours sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>