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Subject: Your application for access to documents (2023/3212 – DG JUST)

Dear Mr Dohle,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 05.06.2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application, meaning "All documents/data related to the subject 'intercountry adoption' and/or 'cross-border adoption' in contact between the Dutch Ministry of Justice and your services. Period 2010 – now".

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

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

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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 it

by mail, to:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076

B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email, to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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