Subject: Your request for access to documents – GESTDEM 2012/2311

Dear Ms Cann,

I refer to your email of 9 May 2012 in which you ask, referring to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, access to "all documentation relating to Commission decisions made about the external activities undertaken by the former Director-General of INFSO Fabio Colasanti. Specifically, I would like to receive his most recent job title at the Commission, the dates of his applications for permission to undertake new external activities under Article 16 of the Staff Regulations, the dates of the Commission response, whether or not the moves were approved, the reasons given, and any conditions that the Commission attached to the approval of these activities".

1. The following documents have been identified as falling within the scope of your request:

   (1) Application for authorisation to engage in an occupation after leaving the Commission introduced by Mr Fabio Colasanti
   (2) Consultation of DG INFSO
   (3) Reply of DG INFSO
   (4) Internal consultation of the Secretariat-General
   (5) Reply of the Secretariat General
   (6) Internal consultation of Legal Service
   (7) Reply of Legal Service
   (8) Internal consultation of the COPAR
   (9) Reply of the COPAR
   (10) Decision of the Commission

1 OJ L145, 31.05.2001, p.43
For each of the following activities:

1. President at "The International Institute of Communications"
2. Member of the board of "EUBrasil"
3. Senior Adviser "The European Policy Centre"

After a careful assessment of these documents I am writing to inform you that a partial access can be granted to these documents.

The undisclosed parts in documents containing certain personal data such as the personal address and phone number, have to be refused on the basis of Article 4(1)(b) of the Regulation which provides that "the institutions shall refuse access to a document where disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data".

By their very nature, disclosure of these personal data would undermine the protection of the privacy rights of the person concerned and cannot be made public.

If you want this position to be reviewed, you should write to the Commission's Secretary-General at the address below, confirming your initial request. You have 15 working days in which to do so from receipt of this letter.

The Secretary-General will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to all of the documents or confirming the partial access. In the latter case, you will be informed of how you can take further action.

All correspondence should be sent to the following address:

The Secretary-General
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B – 1049 BRUSSELS
E-mail : sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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