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Access granted to the documents with **personal data removed** –

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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

Subject: Your application for access to documents (2023/2984)

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 23 May under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to documents which contain the following information:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings) and the meeting minutes/notes relating to the meeting between Kyriacos Charalambous and Hanna Jahns with EUChanger on 28th February 2023.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- *Email of 7 March- follow-up meeting on Critical Raw Material Act (CRMA) and good governance requirements to members of the cabinet of Commissioner Hahn, by Natural Resource Governance Institute (EUChanger)- Ares(2023) 3577063*
- *Supporting briefing- EU Public Consultation on Critical Raw Materials Act*

With regard to the two documents listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- other information relating to an identifiable natural person [*Twitter account*].

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a

purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

Disclaimers:

Please note that the documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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 in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

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 faithfully,

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¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>