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***By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt***

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Dear Ms Tansey,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/0754**

We refer to your letter e-mail dated 14/02/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 17/02/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that no documents were found in DG TRADE that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, 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 the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
BERL 5/282  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

Jean-Luc DEMARTY