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**Subject: Your applications for access to documents:  
Ref GestDem N° 2016/1018, 2016/1020, 2016/1021, 2016/1022**

Mr Harmsen,

We refer to your requests for access to documents, registered on 29 February 2016, under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L145, 31 May 2001).

**1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST**

Your e-mail requested access to documents as follows:

**a) GestDem N° 2016/1018:**

*All correspondence (including emails), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings between officials of the Secretariat-General and officials/representatives of (one or more of) the following DGs/organisations: DG GROWTH (before called DG ENTR), DG ENV, Joint Research Centre (JRC), US EPA, ACEA, VDA, CCFA, Volkswagen, Daimler, BMW, Fiat Chrysler, PSA, Renault–Nissan, German government, French government, Italian government, Dutch government; where the content of the report (or the content of draft versions of the report) 'Analyzing on-road emissions of light-duty vehicles with Portable Emission Measurement Systems (PEMS)' was discussed between January 2010 and January 2013. When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and his Cabinet.*

**b) GestDem N° 2016/1020:**

*All correspondence (including emails), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings where 'defeat devices', 'cycle beating', 'emission control systems', 'defeat strategies', or in general the tailoring of car emissions to comply with test cycles was discussed/mentioned between officials of the Secretariat-General and officials/representatives of (one or more of) the following DGs/organisations: DG GROWTH (before called DG ENTR), DG ENV, US EPA, ACEA, VDA, CCFA, Volkswagen, Daimler, BMW, Fiat Chrysler, PSA, Renault–Nissan, German government, French government, Italian government, Dutch government, between January 2010 and September 2015. When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and his Cabinet.*

**c) GestDem N° 2016/1021:**

*All correspondence (including emails), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings between officials of the Secretariat-General and officials/representatives of (one or more of) the following DGs/organisations: DG GROWTH (before called DG ENTR), DG ENV, US EPA, ACEA, VDA, CCFA, Volkswagen, Daimler, BMW, Fiat Chrysler, PSA, Renault–Nissan, German government, French government, Italian government, Dutch government; where the content of the report (or the content of draft versions of the report) 'A complimentary emissions test for light-duty vehicles: Assessing the technical feasibility of candidate procedures' was discussed between January 2013 and September 2015. When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and his Cabinet.*

**d) GestDem N° 2016/1022:**

*All correspondence (including emails), agendas, minutes of meetings and any other reports of such meetings where loans provided by the European Investment Bank (EIB) to Volkswagen were mentioned by officials of the Secretariat-General (including Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and his Cabinet) and/or third parties between January 2010 and September 2015.*

**2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT(S) IDENTIFIED**

We have identified one document that matches the scope of your request N° 2016/1020:

**Letter from the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Ms Wilma Mansveld, Minister for Environment, to Commissioners Katainen and Vella, on 25 September 2015, with the subject "Reaction NL concerning VW crisis".**

You may find the link to this letter below:

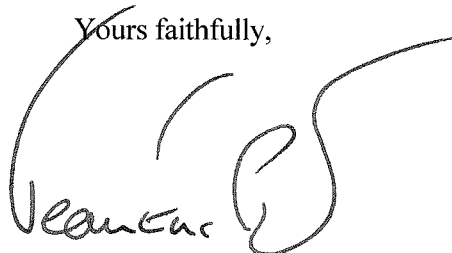
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**3. DISCLOSURE OF THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS**

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Yours faithfully,



Jean-Eric Paquet