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Ms Christiana Maria Mauro



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Subject:

Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/5772

Dear Ms Mauro,

I refer to your e-mail of 29 December 2016, registered on 4 January 2017, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter 'Regulation 1049/2001').

I also refer to our holding reply dated 25 January 2017, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 15 February 2017.

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to provide you with our final decision concerning your confirmatory application, as the process of internal consultations is still ongoing. The scope of your request is considerable and a renewed search for the many documents requested had to be conducted at the confirmatory stage. Due to these circumstances, the handling of your confirmatory application is more time-consuming than usual.

I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply as soon as possible. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kröger Head of Unit

Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.