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**Subject: Your request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/2239**

We refer to your e-mail of 26 April 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 27 April 2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application seeks access to:

- *Copies of EPSC-generated material relating to the UK renegotiation, and to Brexit. If the volume of material is excessive, a list of the documents held will suffice.*

Having examined your request, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by an exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001.

Any documents related to this request refer to an ongoing decision-making process. The disclosure of such documents would undermine the ongoing decision-making process.

We have considered whether partial access could be granted to the documents requested. This is not possible because they are entirely covered by the exception.

We have examined whether an overriding public interest in disclosure exists but have not been able to identify such an interest.

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:

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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 black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Mettler', written in a cursive style.

Ann METTLER