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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/3836

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 08/07/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 08/07/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

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

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

We checked our enquiries in UK and none of the agreements/contracts mentioned in your below was included in our samples. Therefore, we do not have any relevant document to provide.

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 B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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