Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/4441

Dear Mr Schindler,

I refer to your email of 14 September 2016, by 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 ("Regulation 1049/2001").

Thank you for your willingness to negotiate a 'fair solution' in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation 1049/2001.

Regarding your confirmatory application, we hereby inform you that our services are currently assessing the documents to which access was refused listed in the Annex IV of the initial reply of DG CONNECT. As explained in our previous letter, the workload involved in the assessment of the documents and the internal consultations on the draft confirmatory reply would not allow us to provide you with a final a reply before 27 October 2016, which would be the answer due for the first batch of documents as proposed in the 'fair solution'. Please be assured, however, that we are doing our utmost to send you a reply on this first batch, save unexpected circumstances, during the month of November 2016.

Please be informed also that we are undertaking consultations on the third-party documents listed in Annex III to the initial reply of DG CONNECT of 28 September 2016. These will be assessed according to the timeframe put forward in my previous letter proposing for a 'fair solution'.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Martin Kröger
Head of Unit

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