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***By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt***

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2016/4705**

Dear Ms Kieninger,

I refer to your application of 25 August 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001,<sup>1</sup> registered under the above mentioned reference number, and to your email of the same day in which you clarify the scope of such request.

In particular, you would like to receive access to:

- "- a list of meetings between representatives and/or officials of DG TRADE and the company ExxonMobil as well as consultancies acting on their behalf – between September 1st 2015 and August 25th 2016;
- Minutes or other forms of reporting of those meetings;
- All correspondence, also emails, between representatives and/or officials of DG TRADE and the company ExxonMobil as well as consultancies acting on their behalf – between September 1st 2015 and August 25th 2016”.

I regret to inform you that no documents were found that would fall under the scope of your request.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

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

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

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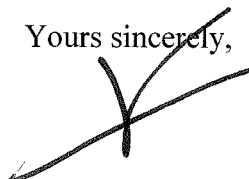
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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  
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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, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Jean-Luc DEMARTY