

Brussels, SG/E/WS

Ms. Vicky Cann by email only: <u>ask+request-3614-</u> <u>b7b08655@asktheeu.org</u>

Dear Madam,

## Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/7023

We refer to your e-mail dated 14/12/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

You request the following: "a list of meetings between Secretariat General Officials / representatives and interest representatives from the tobacco industry since 1 November 2014."

After a careful research, 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 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.

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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