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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents
-Ref GestDem No 2017/1582-Ares (2017) 1321564**

We refer to your e-mail dated 14/03/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, and namely minutes of meetings or correspondence between officials of the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) and representatives of non-EU-countries concerning the issues of border security and/or border control and/or illegal immigration. Your request was registered on 14/03/2017 under the above mentioned reference number.

We would like to inform you that DG MARE has not identified any documents in its possession that would correspond to the description given in your application. Please note that the subject matters of border security, border control and illegal immigration fall outside the remit of the responsibilities of our Directorate-General.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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 (EC) No 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
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,


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