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BY E-MAIL AND REGISTERED MAIL WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Subject: Request for access to documents

Ref.: Your request of 8 August 2017 registered under references GestDem 2017/4614

Dear Ms Wettach,

I refer to your request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹. Your request concerns the *"opinion of the legal service of the EU Commission on the German law on facebook hate mail (NetzDG)"*.

After examination of our files, I would like to inform you that the Legal Service has not identified any legal opinion concerning the subject of your request. Therefore, the Legal Service is unable to grant any access².

Should you wish this position to be reconsidered, you should present in writing, within fifteen working days from receipt of this letter, a confirmatory application to the Commission's Secretary-General at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/327
B-1049 Bruxelles

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

¹ OJ L 145, 31.05.2001, page 43.

² Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, Article 2(3): *"This Regulation shall apply to all documents held by an institution, that is to say, documents drawn up or received by it and in its possession, in all areas of activity of the European Union"*.

The Secretary General will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the date of registration of your request. You will either be given access or your request will be rejected in which case you will be informed of how you can take further action.

Yours sincerely,



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