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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 2017/5408

Dear Mr Bank,

I refer to your e-mail dated 15/09/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 19/09/2017 under the above mentioned reference number. Please excuse the delay in replying to your application. Your request concerns:

- 1) a list of meetings of DG Environment officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft (Volkswagen AG) in which Dieselgate and/or car emissions, defeat devices in the emission context and/or emissions testing were discussed (between September 2015 and today, i.e. 15.09.2017);*
- 2) minutes and other reports of these meetings;*
- 3) all correspondence (including emails) between DG Environment officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft (Volkswagen AG) in which Dieselgate and/or car emissions, defeat devices in the emission context and/or emissions testing were discussed (between September 2015 and today, i.e. 15.09.2017).*

During the period covered by your application, DG Environment participated in the following meetings involving Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft:

1. Meeting with ACEA, on 20 February 2017
2. Meeting with ACEA, on 12 September 2017.

Both meetings took place at the request of ACEA, in the premises of DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW) and DG Environment was only invited to participate.

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

As no correspondence on the topics you mentioned under the third item of your request was identified in DG ENV, in Commissioner Vella's office and in his Cabinet, DG Environment is not in a position to handle this part of your request.

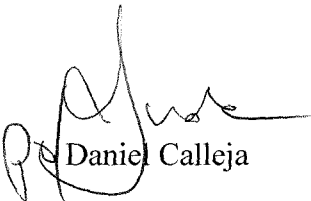
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) n.1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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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Yours faithfully,



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