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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/6813

Dear Ms Cann,

We refer to your e-mail dated 13/11/2017 registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, by which you make a request pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You requested access to (1) a list of all lobby meetings held by staff on the Taskforce with third parties since 1 June 2016 and (2) all agendas, minutes / notes of meetings, and position papers or other briefing papers from these meetings plus a note of the topic of each meeting.

Please find enclosed a list of the meetings held by the members of the Taskforce from 1 June until 13 November 2017 (including). The list includes the date, the topic of the meeting and the organisation.

With reference to your request for all agendas, minutes / notes of meetings, and position papers or other briefing papers from these meetings, we have to inform you that these documents include opinions and evidence raised by third parties, which represent knowhow and commercial data of the organisations. Their disclosure is therefore prevented by the exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 (2) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. In addition, the documents contain the names of individuals, which are protected by Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data.

Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data^[2].

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:

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Yours sincerely,

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