Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/1952

We refer to your e-mail dated 03/04/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 05/04/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to "all information concerning the Interservice Group on Copyright and its meetings since September 2014".

With regard to your application, the following documents have been identified:

- Minutes first meeting of the Copyright Inter-Service Steering Group, 25 March 2015
  Ares(2015)2089489
- Minutes of the second meeting of the Copyright Inter-Service Steering Group, 13 May 2015
  Ares(2015)2222266
- Minutes of the third meeting of the Copyright Inter-Service Steering Group, 21 September 2015
  Ares(2018)2603444
- Minutes of the Inter-Service Meeting on the draft Communication on Copyright, 26 October 2015
  Ares(2015)4645577
- Minutes of the 4th ISG meeting on Copyright, 28 April 2016
  Ares(2016)2104165
- Minutes of the fifth Inter-Service Group on Copyright, 23 May 2016
  Ares(2016)2471091
- Minutes of 6th and 7th ISG meetings on Copyright, 14 and 27 June 2016
  Ares(2016)3180782
- Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Copyright review Inter-Service Steering Group, 26 July 2016
  Ares(2016)3988018
The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. 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.\(^1\)

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable.\(^2\)

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing a version of the documents requested in which these personal data have been redacted.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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 5/288
B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

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Yours sincerely,

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