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**Subject: Your application for access to documents: Ref. GestDem N° 2018/2746**

Dear Mr Teffer,

You have received an email from SG ACCES DOCUMENTS ([sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)) to the email address [ask+request-5561-a4a3de6f@asktheeu.org](mailto:ask+request-5561-a4a3de6f@asktheeu.org) on 18 May 2018, informing you about the receipt of your request, as well as its registration under the Ref. GestDem N° 2018/2746.

**1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST**

You requested access to documents:

"[...]"

*Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:*

- all documents related to the 1 March 2018 meeting between Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft and Rolf Carsten Bermig, including but not limited to minutes, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations*
- all documents related to the 1 March 2018 meeting between Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft and Grzegorz Radziejewski, including but not limited to minutes, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations*

"[...]"

**1. DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS**

After conducting the search, four documents have been identified as falling within the scope of your request (see table below). You are receiving a partial access to these documents, where personal data have been removed.

	Registration N°.	Registration Date	Subject/Title
1.	Ares(2018)594472	31.01.2018	Meeting request for Mr. Klitz, Head of Office of the Volkswagen Group

2.	Ares(2018)594500	31.01.2018	Holding reply - Meeting request for Mr. Klitz, Head of Office of the Volkswagen Group
3.	Ares(2018)1388823	13.03.2018	Meeting request for Mr. Klitz, Head of Office of the Volkswagen Group
4.	Ares(2018)1388792	13.03.2018	Read-out of the meeting between Cabinets and VW Group, 01/03/2018

Some of 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.

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

On the basis of the information available, we consider that the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from such personal data.

If you wish to receive such personal data, we invite you to provide us with arguments showing the need for having such personal data transferred to you and the absence of adverse effects to the legitimate rights of the persons whose personal data should be disclosed.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, 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.

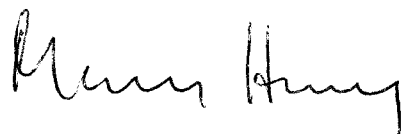
Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
BERL 5/282  
B-1049 Bruxelles

or,

by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,



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