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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/2749**

Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your e-mail dated 15/05/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents registered on 18/05/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns: *"All documents related to the 25/4/2018 meeting between commissioner Christos Stylianides and ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical (EMPC), including but not limited to minutes, verbatim reports, e-mails, and presentations"*.

Commissioner Stylianides was invited to and attended, on 25/04/2018 along with Cypriot MEPs and civil servants, including the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, a dinner in Brussels with ExxonMobil's Vice-President, who shared an update of his company's exploration activities offshore Cyprus. The meeting was of an informative nature, on a topic with relevant geopolitical parameters for the Eastern Mediterranean's wider region.

The meeting was publicised in accordance with the Commission's commitment to transparency:

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=7a3ad6a0-2fdd-4656-8462-85f57d9a8c54>

With regard to the meeting, we identified one document, i.e. an email inviting Commissioner to the meeting. Since the document originates from a third party, the originator of the documents was consulted in accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001. We received a reply to the consultation on 5 June 2018.

The originator agreed to a disclosure of the email without names. Therefore, the relevant parts of the documents have been redacted as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4(1)b of Regulation 1049/2001 (exception to protect privacy and the integrity of individual).

We enclose a copy of the document requested. Please note that this document is disclosed for information only. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

The Commission does not hold any other document that would correspond to your request. As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

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:

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 Sincerely,



Monique Pariat

Annex 1: email

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 6:45 PM  
**To:** STYLIANIDES Christos (CAB-STYLIANIDES)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (CAB-STYLIANIDES); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** ExxonMobil invitation for high level dinner on our Cyprus prospect

Dear Commissioner Stylianides,

[REDACTED] ExxonMobil's Vice-President for Exploration in Europe/Russia/Caspian, and Acting Vice-President for Exploration in Asia Pacific/Middle East, will be visiting Brussels the week of April 23.

We would be honored if you would be able to join us for dinner on April 24, where VP [REDACTED] will share with you an update of our exploration activities offshore Cyprus.

We are privileged that His Excellency Ambassador Emiliou will join us for the dinner.

The dinner will take place at De Warande, Rue Zinner 1, at 19.30 on April 24th.

We hope to be able to welcome you at the dinner with VP [REDACTED]

With esteemed regards,

[REDACTED]  
Vice President

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