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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2018/4049**

Dear Mr Vranken,

I refer to your e-mail of 25 October 2018, registered on 30 October 2018, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter 'Regulation 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial request of 23 July 2018 for access to '[a]ll documents related to meetings (including but not limited to minutes, preparatory documents, briefings) between officials of the [Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs] (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of individual companies, including lobby consultancies and law firms, and/or industry associations, in which the Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR) were dealt with since January 2015'.

The initial request was attributed to the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs for handling and reply. As you did not receive a reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 25 October 2018, against the tacit refusal of access to the documents requested.

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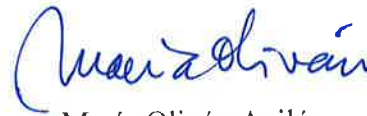
<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.



I note that on 21 December 2018, you received the reply from the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application<sup>2</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



María Oliván Avilés  
Head of Unit

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<sup>2</sup> Without prejudice to your right to submit a new confirmatory application if you do not agree with the position of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, included in its explicit reply of 21 December 2018.

