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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/4849

We refer to your e-mail dated 16/09/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 17/09/2018 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested to receive the names and organisations of all those who attended a meeting with DG ENER Unit B on 14/12/2017 on behalf of the Conseil de Cooperation Economique regarding the Task Force Gas Market Design.

We would like to inform you that the Task Force Gas Market Design on 14/12/2017 was organised by Conseil de Cooperation Economique and therefore we regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.¹

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.

If the document(s) was(ere) eliminated as part of a file which has been eliminated in accordance with the Commission's internal retention rules as defined in the Common Commission-level retention list for European Commission files, SEC(2012)713, services can possibly add: 'This(ese) document(s) were eliminated in accordance with the Common Commission-level retention list for European Commission files, SEC(2012)713.'

Please note that this reason will only be valid for documents that are filed in one or more files that <u>all</u> have been eliminated. When there is still one active/closed file in which a document is filed, the document still exists. In case of a procedure of administrative elimination (for instance, non-retained proposals/candidates), it is very likely that the documents, by their very nature, are only filed in one file. In these cases the likelihood of the documents really being eliminated is relatively high.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

However, we invite you to contact directly the Conseil de Cooperation Economique who could consider your request about other participants of this meeting.

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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B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

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