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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/5452

Dear Mr Simon,

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 23/10/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to : *The content of the flash cards employed in meetings on trade policy between Donald Trump and Jean-Claude Juncker in July 2018, as described in <https://www.newsweek.com/eu-chief-trump-flash-cards-1044433>*

The briefing material used by the President of the Commission in his meetings with Heads of State or Government of third countries falls under the exception of Article 4 (1) lit a of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L145/43, 31.5.2001.

Giving access to this briefing material, used for a high-level meeting between political leaders, would undermine the protection of the EU public interest concerning international relations, in this case specifically the relations with the United States of America.

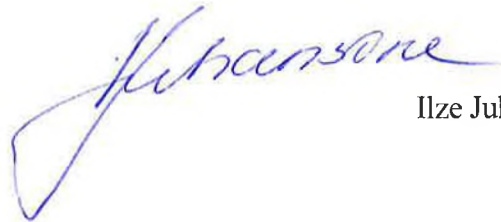
Therefore, I regret to inform you that the material used by President Juncker in his meeting with President Trump, to which you requested access, cannot be shared.

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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Yours sincerely,



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