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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/5999**

Dear Ms. Verheecke,

I refer to your request for access to documents dated and registered on 19/11/2018 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, you requested:

*“a list of all the meetings (in person and through video conference) which occurred between DG Trade and USTR since July 2018 until today”.*

You further clarified that the scope of the request should be limited to meetings of the Executive Working Group set up by Presidents Juncker and Trump in July 2018.

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 order to assist you and given that we don't have such a list as a self-standing document, we have collected together the information you have requested in line with the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour<sup>1</sup>.

We can inform you that, in the context of the executive working group, the following meetings have taken place:

- Preparatory meetings of Mr O’Sullivan, EU Ambassador to the US, Mr Delvaux, member of cabinet of President Juncker, and Mr Garcia Bercero, Director in DG Trade, with members of the offices of the US Trade Representative and the National Economic Council on 20 August ;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L267, 20.10.2000, p. 64

- A meeting between Commissioner Malmström and US Trade Representative Lighthizer on 10 September ;
- Technical meetings of Mr Demarty, Director-General of DG Trade, and Commission staff with members of the offices of the US Trade Representative and the National Economic Council between 23 and 26 October, and
- A meeting between Commissioner Malmström and US Trade Representative Lighthizer on 14 November.

We can also inform you that in addition to the in-person meetings listed above, three technical videoconferencing meetings were organised in the week of 15 October between staff members of DG Trade and the Office of the US Trade Representative.

Yours sincerely,

*[e-signed]*

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