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**Subject: Confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC)
No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2013/3638**

Dear Mr Bekas,

I refer to your e-mail of 16 September 2013, registered on 20 September 2013, in which you lodge a confirmatory application, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter: Regulation 1049/2001).

I also refer to our holding reply dated 4 October 2013, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 4 November 2013.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to complete the analysis of your request and to finalise the necessary consultations to this end; therefore, we are not yet in a position to provide you with our final position within this deadline. However, I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply as soon as possible. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Gérard Legris
Head of Unit

¹ - Official Journal L145, 31.05.2001, p. 43.