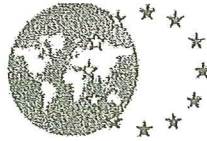


## EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Brussels, 4 April 2012  
EEAS/CC/CG

Ms. Vicky Cann  
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Dear Ms Cann,

Subject : Request for access to documents regarding the move by Mr Darren Ennis from Commission to MHP – reference GestDem 2011/5983

Further to my letter dated 8/2/2012 and as requested in your email from the same day, we have asked authorisation of Mr Ennis to transmit the following documents to you:

1. Contract of employment of Mr Ennis for the European External Action Service;
2. Letter informing Mr Ennis that he has been offered a post as a member of the temporary staff;
3. Letter of resignation from Mr Ennis;
4. Internal note on the end of contract of Mr Ennis.

We have informed Mr Ennis that the European External Action Service has received a request for access to documents from you, the Corporate Europe Observatory, a research and campaign group promoting greater accountability and transparency within the EU institutions. We have informed Mr Ennis that you have requested “all documentation relating to Commission decisions made about the job move by Mr Darren Ennis from being spokesperson to Commissioner Ashton to starting to work for MHP Communications” and further related specific information.

We furthermore indicated that, according to Article 18 of Regulation (EC) 45/2001<sup>1</sup>, any disclosure of personal data concerning him is subject to his right to be informed thereof and to object to such disclosure.

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<sup>1</sup> “Article 18 : *The data subject's right to object*

*The data subject shall have the right:*

(a) to object at any time, on compelling legitimate grounds relating to his or her particular situation, to the processing of data relating to him or her, except in the cases covered by Article 5(b), (c) and (d). Where there is a justified objection, the processing in question may no longer involve those data;

(b) to be informed before personal data are disclosed for the first time to third parties or before they are used on their behalf for the purposes of direct marketing, and to be expressly offered the right to object free of charge to such disclosure or use.”

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, we have received an answer from Mr Ennis stating that he would not like any documents of any kind regarding his position at the Commission, EEAS or his current employer to be distributed outside the European Institutions.

Mr Ennis also indicated that he is willing to take any responsibility for this decision.

Yours sincerely



1.0. David O'Sullivan