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Dear Ms Kayali,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/1517

We refer to your e-mail dated 8 March 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13 March 2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request is for access to documents related to lobbying meetings held by DG Competition (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) with Microsoft, Amazon or intermediaries representing their interests for the period between November 2014 and March 2019.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. DG Competition, the Commissioner and the Cabinet have not held any lobbying meetings with Microsoft, Amazon or their representatives in the relevant period.

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.

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.

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 faithfully,

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