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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem 2019/1627

Dear Mr. Merino,

We refer to your e-mail dated 14/03/2019, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 18/03/2019 under the above mentioned reference number.

In your application, you are asking access to ‘*A list of all lobby meetings held by the Commissioner in charge of Competition, Margrethe Vestager, or any other member of its Cabinet with any organisations representing churches and/or religious communities since 2014 onwards, including all emails, minutes, reports or any other briefing papers related to all those meetings*’.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application and, therefore it is not in a position to handle your request. There has not been any lobby meeting held by Commissioner Vestager or a Member of her Cabinet with any organisation representing churches and/or religious communities since 2014.

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 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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Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,



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