



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
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The Director-General

Brussels,

**By registered letter**

**Subject:           Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/2078**

Dear Ms Rojas,

In your application dated 2 April 2019<sup>1</sup>, you make a request for:

*“All documents - including but not limited to minutes, notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, e-mails, and presentations – produced, exchanged and related to the following meetings between Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio, Head of the Mission of the Holy See to the European Union and (...) Johannes Hahn (...)”*

On behalf of the Cabinet of Commissioner Hahn, please find below a list of the meetings held in Cabinet Hahn (Commissioner/Cabinet) since the beginning of the mandate with Alain Paul Lebeaupin, Apostolic Nuncio, Representative of the Catholic Church<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Ref. Ares(2019)2366099

<sup>2</sup> Also available on EUROPA webpages:

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2014-2019/hahn\\_en#transparency](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2014-2019/hahn_en#transparency)

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Organisation	Date
Catholic Church, representation to the EU	15.7.2015
Catholic Church, representation to the EU	19.10.2018

Since all these meetings were of a short, purely diplomatic courtesy nature, there were no reports, minutes or briefings, audio recordings, operational conclusions or presentations prepared before or after the meetings. Moreover, there are no emails that can be retrieved because the emails related to the practical arrangements of the meetings did not need to be registered in the Commission internal registration system Ares<sup>3</sup> and were automatically deleted by the system after a fixed period.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>4</sup>, 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 have been identified for this request, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review its 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:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-C-1  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]  
Christian Danielsson

<sup>3</sup> As per Commission Decision of 23 January 2002 amending its Rules of Procedure, C(2002)99, OJ L 21 of 24.01.2002, p.23.

<sup>4</sup> Official Journal L 345 of 29.12.2001, p. 94