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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/4019**

We refer to your email dated 10/07/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 11/07/2019 under the abovementioned reference number.

You request access to a copy of the following documents, which refer to the contract n. 2017/389-485 (*Conservation et gestion participative de l'Aire Protégée de Messok Dja et de sa périphérie*):

- All the Requests for payment for grant Contract - European Community external actions (Annexe V) submitted by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to the European Commission;
- The technical and financial interim report (required for pre-financing payments) and any other periodic report and documentation provided by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to the Commission to report on the progress of the project;
- All documentation provided by WWF as “sources et moyens de vérifications” of the expected results of the project, mentioned in the logical framework;
- Dates of payments under the contract to WWF so far, with payment amounts;
- Dates of anticipated future payments to WWF under the contract with amounts, if known.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Having duly examined your request, WWF has confirmed that there is no request for payment yet and that no technical and financial interim report are due yet according to the contract.

The first technical and financial interim reports, covering the first year of implementation from 01/07/2018 to 30/06/2019, is due for the 31/08/2019.

The initial pre-financing was of EUR 311,400.80 and it was paid on 12/07/2018. The initial pre-financing is paid upon signature of the contract and no specific request is required. Future payments will occur in the coming years.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that the Commission holds no documents corresponding to the description given in your application, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

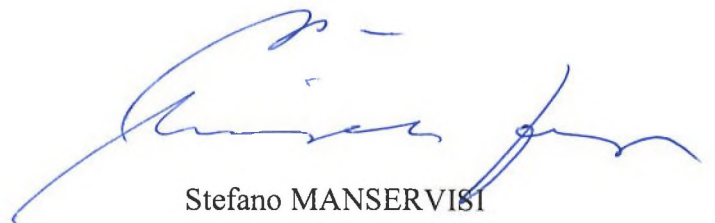
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents  
(SG.C.1)  
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Yours faithfully,



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