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Mr Arun DOHLE

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Subject: Your request for access to documents registered under number Gestdem 2013/4170

Dear Mr Dohle,

I refer to your e-mail of 16 September 2013, by which you introduced, pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 on access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, a confirmatory request for access to documents.

In your initial request of 2 August 2013 to the Directorate General for Human Resources (DG HR), which you reiterated in your request to the Secretary General of 16 September 2013, you had requested the following documents and information:

- an overview of NGOs to which European Commission civil servants are/were seconded in the best interest of the service (period 2000 - now);
- how many civil servants are concerned and their nationality.

Following an exchange with DG HR, you narrowed down your request to the period from 2005 until now.

On your first point and as stated by the initial reply of 6 September 2013 from DG HR, the Commission has not identified the document falling under the scope of your request.

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As regards your request on the number and nationality of Commission staff seconded to NGOs, DG HR, at the initial stage, indicated that this information could not be provided as it would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual(s) concerned. Please be informed that as the requested information fell under the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour and not under Regulation 1049/2001, the appropriate legal basis which should have been referred to for the refusal was Regulation 45/2001 (and not Regulation 1049/2001). Under these circumstances, I refer to DG HR's initial reply.

Yours sincerely,

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