



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the TEU

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/5567**

Dear Mr Crisp,

We refer to your application of 1 October 2019, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup>.

*You requested “documents which contain the following information: Any legal advice given by the European Commission to Philip Hammond or other British members of UK parliament with regards to the Benn Act - the law which prevents a no deal Brexit.”*

We have to inform you that the Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the TEU does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

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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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a smaller loop and a horizontal stroke.

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