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***By registered letter with acknowledgment  
of receipt***

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**Subject: Reply to your access to documents requests registered under  
Gestdem 2020/0316**

Dear Mrs Eberhardt,

I refer to your request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001 ("Regulation 1049/2001")<sup>1</sup> dated 15 January 2020, and registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

**1. Scope of your request**

You request access to the following documents:

- *Minutes and other reports of meetings of DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and the Secretary General as well as other representatives of the Energy Charter Secretariat (since January 2019);*
- *All correspondence (including emails, letters, phone conversations) between DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the*

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

*Cabinet) and the Secretary General as well as other representatives of the Energy Charter Secretariat (since January 2019);*

- *Minutes and other reports of meetings between DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of companies and business associations, in which the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty was discussed (since January 2019);*
- *All correspondence (including emails, letters, phone conversations) between DG Trade officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of companies and business associations, in which the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty was discussed (since January 2019).*

I regret to inform you that no documents have been found that matched your request.

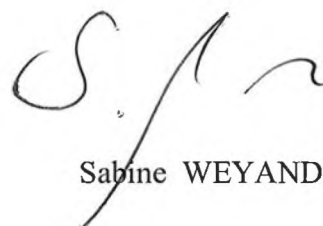
In 2019, the EU and the other Contracting Parties of the ECT gave priority to concluding the preliminary talks on the modernisation process. The Commission also focused very much on preparing and presenting its proposal for negotiation directives to the Council. As a result, there have been no meetings with external stakeholders during this particular phase of the modernisation process.

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,



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