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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/861

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 12/02/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13/02/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *"All documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, e-mails, and presentations - related to the following meetings with various cabinet members of Commissioners:*

Catherine Sustek (Schinas) – International Association of Oil & Gas Producers 16/01/2020, Juraj Nociar (Šefčovič) – Philip Morris International Inc. 23/01/2020, Agnieszka Drzewoska & Dermot Ryan (Hogan) – EUROGAS aisbl 28/01/2020, Kyriacos Charalambous (Hahn) – EUROGAS aisbl 29/01/2020, Natalie Pauwels (Lenarčič) – EUROGAS aisbl, 29/01/2020, Jorge Pinto Antunes & Simona Pinzariu (Wojciechowski) – EUROGAS aisbl 29/01/2020, Alienor Margerit (Gentiloni) – EUROGAS aisbl 29/01/2020, Kyriacos Charalambous (Hahn) – International Association of Oil & Gas Producers 29/01/2020."

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. You received or will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

We have identified 5 documents related to your request of which a list is attached as well as the documents identified.

¹ SG Gestdem 2020/856, DG TRADE Gestdem 2020/858, DG BUDG Gestdem 2020/859, DG ECHO Gestdem 2020/860, DG ECFIN Gestdem 2020/862.

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The document No 4 contains information which is out of scope of your request and for this reason it has been redacted.

With regard to all the identified documents, a complete disclosure is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data: names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management, names/initials and contact details of other natural persons and handwritten signatures.

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Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Karl von Kempis
e-signed

Encl.: 5 doc. + 1 list

