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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/0859**

Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your email request of 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 meetings of the following cabinet members of Commissioners:

1. Catherine Sustek (Schinas) – International Association of Oil & Gas Producers  
16/01/2020 [DG ECFIN]
2. Juraj Nociar (Šefčovič) – Philip Morris International Inc.  
23/01/2020 [DG ECFIN]
3. Agnieszka Drzewoska & Dermot Ryan (Hogan) – EUROGAS aisbl  
28/01/2020 [DG TRADE]
4. Kyriacos Charalambous (Hahn) – EUROGAS aisbl  
29/01/2020 [DG BUDG]
5. Natalie Pauwels (Lenarčič) – EUROGAS aisbl  
29/01/2020 [DG ECHO]
6. Jorge Pinto Antunes & Simona Pinzariu (Wojciechowski) – EUROGAS aisbl  
29/01/2020 [DG AGRI]
7. Alienor Margerit (Gentiloni) – EUROGAS aisbl  
29/01/2020 [DG ECFIN]
8. Kyriacos Charalambous (Hahn) – International Association of Oil & Gas Producers  
29/01/2020 [DG BUDG]

Please note that due to the scope of your original request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General, registered under the following reference numbers:

- GestDem 2020/0856 [Secretariat General]
- GestDem 2020/0858 [DG TRADE]
- GestDem 2020/0859 [DG BUDG]
- GestDem 2020/0860 [DG ECHO]
- GestDem 2020/0861 [DG AGRI]
- GestDem 2020/0862 [DG ECFIN]

This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Budget (DG BUDG - GestDem 2020/0859). You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

The following documents have been identified as falling within the scope of the request:

1. Ares(2019)7544982: Congratulations letter from IOGP to Commissioner Hahn (dated 06/12/2019);
2. Ares(2019)7762430: Email reply from Mr Charalambous (Cabinet Hahn) to IOGP (dated 17/12/2019) and further exchange of emails regarding date and time of meeting;
3. Ares(2019)7629472: Letter from EUROGAS to Commissioner Hahn requesting a meeting (dated 09/12/2019) and further exchange of emails regarding date and time of meeting;
4. Briefing for meeting with EUROGAS on 29/01/2020.

With regard to all the documents listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents 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:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

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](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

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