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Directorate A - Strategy, Better Regulation & Corporate Governance
The Director

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/6032

Dear Mr Fanta,

We refer to your e-mail dated 09 October 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09 October 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “all documents related to the video call between Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Huawei on July 23rd, 2020”.

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- EVP4/2020/135, Secretariat-General to Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis, 17 July 2020, reference Ares(2020)4066319 (hereafter ‘document 1’), which includes the following annexes:
 - Table of contents, 17 July 2020 (hereafter ‘document 1.1’);
 - Steering brief, 17 July 2020 (hereafter ‘document 1.2’);
 - The economic impact of Huawei in Europe, 17 July 2020 (hereafter ‘document 1.3’);
 - Digital finance, 17 July 2020 (hereafter ‘document 1.4’);
 - CVs, 17 July 2020 (hereafter ‘document 1.5’).

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that documents 1.1-1.5 may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the documents 1.1-1.5 have

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been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4(1)(b) and Article 4(3) of this Regulation.

The redacted parts of the documents 1.1-1.5 contain personal data (Article 4(1)(b)) and opinions for internal use as part of deliberations and preliminary consultations (Article 4(3), second paragraph) in internal deliberations and preparation of proposals, in the areas of network and information security, market development and sustainable finance. The divulgation of these elements would seriously undermine the decision-making capacity of the Commission in pondering information and opinions ahead of its policy choices.

Disclosure of these parts would respectively undermine privacy and integrity of the individual, and the protection of the institution's decision-making process.

The exceptions laid down in Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the documents. In this particular case, we have not been able to identify such an interest.

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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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,

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(signed electronically)

Enclosure: 1.1 Table of contents;
 1.2 Steering brief;
 1.3 The economic impact of Huawei in Europe;
 1.4 Digital finance;
 1.5 CVs.