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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/0597**

Dear Mr Civillini,

We refer to your e-mail dated 5 February 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 February 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your requested access *“All documents - including but not limited to policy papers, proposals, briefings, reports - which have been produced and/or issued by DG CLIMA and include any of the following words/phrases: “deep-sea mining”, “seabed mining”, “marine minerals”.*

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by my service, the Directorate-General for Climate Action is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
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Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*

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