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SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Recovery & Resilience Task Force I
The Director

Brussels
SG.RECOVER.A.1/RE

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/0603

Dear Sir ,

We refer to your e-mail of 8 February 2021 addressed to the Secretariat General of the European Commission in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 February 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to access to all documents, correspondence and meeting minutes between the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) and Italian government officials.”

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- Ares(2020)5011555 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 23 September 2020 (hereafter ‘document 1’);
- Ares(2021)1623445 Minutes - meeting with the Ministry of the South 23 September 2020 (hereafter ‘document 2’);
- Ares(2020)5225747 Minutes - meeting with the Italian authorities 28 September 2020 (hereafter ‘document 3’);
- Ares(2021)1458501 Minutes - meeting with the Italian authorities 28 September 2020 (hereafter ‘document 4’);
- Ares(2020)5457594 Meeting request by Ambassador Massari (hereafter ‘document 5’);
- Ares(2020)5570838 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 15 October 2020 (hereafter ‘document 6’);
- Ares(2021)1584115 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 16 October 2020 (hereafter ‘document 7’);
- Ares(2020)6917833 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 28 October 2020 (hereafter ‘document 8’);
- Ares(2020)6101698 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 28 October 2020 (hereafter ‘document 9’);
- Ares(2020)6918187 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 1 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 10’);

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- Ares(2020)6918235 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 1 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 11’);
- Ares(2020)6917748 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 2 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 12’);
- Ares(2020)6917774 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 3 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 13’);
- Ares(2020)6385884 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 4 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 14’);
- Ares(2020)6920224 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 8 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 15’);
- Ares(2020)6920120 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 8 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 16’);
- Ares(2020)6918647 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 9 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 17’);
- Ares(2020)6920386 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 9 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 18’);
- Ares(2020)6920408 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 10 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 19’);
- Ares(2020)6648831 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 11 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 20’);
- Ares(2020)6920432 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 14 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 21’);
- Ares(2020)6917235 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 16 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 22’);
- Ares(2020)7033336 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 17 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 23’);
- Ares(2020)6916960 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 18 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 24’);
- Ares(2020)6932275 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 18 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 25’);
- Ares(2020)7123114 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 25 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 26’);
- Ares(2020)7208854 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 28 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 27’);
- Ares(2020)7208912 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 29 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 28’);
- Ares(2020)7209027 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 29 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 29’);
- Ares(2020)7208977 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 29 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 30’);
- Ares(2020)7408749 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 30 November 2020 (hereafter ‘document 31’);
- Ares(2020)7408971 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 1 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 32’);
- Ares(2020)7409521 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 2 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 33’);
- Ares(2020)7409286 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 2 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 34’);
- Ares(2020)7340232 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 2 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 35’);
- Ares(2020)7409777 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 3 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 36’);

- Ares(2020)7406927 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 4 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 37’);
- Ares(2020)7406827 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 6 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 38’);
- Ares(2020)7512655 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 9 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 39’);
- Ares(2020)7609809 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 11 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 40’);
- Ares(2020)7705599 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 16 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 41’);
- Ares(2020)7902484 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 18 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 42’);
- Ares(2021)1583997 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 22 December 2020 (hereafter ‘document 43’);
- Ares(2021)228626 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 8 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 44’);
- Ares(2021)320208 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 12 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 45’);
- Ares(2021)351878 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 13 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 46’);
- Ares(2021)394162 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 15 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 47’);
- Ares(2021)397184 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 16 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 48’);
- Ares(2021)609459 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 22 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 49’);
- Ares(2021)609278 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 23 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 50’);
- Ares(2021)757695 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 27 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 51’);
- Ares(2021)737322 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 27 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 52’);
- Ares(2021)845207 Correspondence sent by the European Commission to the Italian authorities on 30 January 2021 (hereafter ‘document 53’);
- Ares(2021)997789 Correspondence received by the European Commission from the Italian authorities on 3 February 2021 (hereafter ‘document 54’);
- Ares(2021)1322274 Minutes - meeting with Italian authorities 5 February 2021 (hereafter ‘document 55’);
- Ares(2021)1133095 Meeting EC Representative and Italian authorities 5 February 2021 (hereafter ‘document 56’);

Following an examination of the documents, under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4(1)(a) and Article 4(4) of this Regulation.

The documents 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 36, 45, 52 and 54 which you seek to obtain are third-party documents of the government of Italy, disclosure of which:

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policies of Italy;

- Relate to a matter where a decision has not been taken by the European Commission, and would seriously undermine the decision-making process of the European Commission.

The documents from 1 to 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 35, from 37 to 44, from 46 to 51, 53 and 55 are internal documents of the Commission linked to an on-going decision-making process, disclosure of which:

- Relate to a matter where a decision has not been taken by the European Commission, and would seriously undermine the decision-making process of the European Commission.

We have considered whether partial access could be granted to the above listed documents, however,

- Expunging the confidential information would make the documents meaningless or illegible.

We provide partial access to documents 5, 15 and 56 expunging the confidential information.

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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles

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Yours faithfully,

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