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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/1361

Dear Mr Fanta,

We refer to your e-mail of 9 March 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 9 March 2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documents related to a meeting between Anthony Whelan, Cabinet member of Ursula von der Leyen, and Axel Springer SE on February 8, 2021 as found in the Transparency Register. The request includes e-mails, meeting minutes and any other document related to the meeting.

The following document falls within the scope of your application:

- *Ares(2021)2012902 – Short minutes of a meeting with Axel Springer, February 8, 2021, (hereafter ‘document 1’).*

The document 1 contains information related to commercial interests of a natural or legal person and personal data.

Having examined the document 1 requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, we have come to the conclusion that document 1 may be partially disclosed.

Some parts of the document 1 have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 4(2) of this Regulation.

Furthermore, 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.

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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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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Enclosure: disclosed document