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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/1806

Dear Mr Augusto,

We refer to your e-mail of 20/03/2021 in which you make requests for access to documents, registered on 22/03/2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

Please accept our sincerest apologies for the delay in our response.

You request access to the following documents:

All documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, e-mails, and presentations - related to all meetings between member of the Commission and representatives of BusinessEurope from July 2020 to the present.

Due to its wide scope, your request was split between different services of the Commission. Please refer to the email of the Secretariat-General of 14/04/2021, Ares (2021) 2537508. This reply relates to the documents linked to a meeting between Commissioner Reynders and representatives of Business Europe that took place on 7/10/2020.

The following document falls within the scope of your application:

- Briefing for a meeting of Commissioner Reynders with Mr Beyrer held on 7/10/2021.

Having examined the document requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, a complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management.

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 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.

This document was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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:

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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'

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Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: 1 document