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Dear Ms Eberhardt,

Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/2264

We refer to your e-mail of 7 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13 April 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: 1) a list of all lobby meetings (including online meetings) held by DG GROW since January 2020, in which intra-EU investment protection (after the termination of EU member states' intra-EU investment treaties) has been discussed. The list should include: date, Commission attendees, the name of the organisation(s) attending, and a more precise topic if that exists; 2) minutes and other notes from these meetings; 3) all correspondence between DG GROW and lobby groups, in which intra-EU investment protection (after the termination of EU member states' intra-EU investment treaties) has been discussed (since January 2020).

We regret to inform you that the DG GROW 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 DG GROW, we are 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:

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Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076

B-1049 Brussels

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Yours faithfully,

Kerstin Jorna Director-General

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