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Sent by email:

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/6375

Dear Mr Bermingham,

We refer to your e-mail dated 11/10/2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 25/10/2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- *a list of meetings of DG JUST officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of individual companies, including lobby consultancies and law firms, and/or industry associations, in which the upcoming supply chain due diligence legislation was discussed, and where the discussions touched on China and in particular, the Xinjiang region (between January 2020 and now);*
- *minutes and other reports of these meetings;*
- *all correspondence (including emails) between DG JUST officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of individual companies (including lobby consultancies and law firms) and/or industry associations, in which the upcoming supply chain due diligence legislation was discussed, and where the discussions touched on China and in particular, the Xinjiang region (between January 2020 and today);*
- *all correspondence (including emails) between DG JUST officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of EU member states to discuss the upcoming supply chain due diligence legislation, where the discussions touched on China and in particular, the Xinjiang region (between January 2020 and today);*
- *all correspondence (including emails) between DG JUST officials and/or representatives (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of the Chinese government, its mission to the EU or any third-party agencies representing the Chinese government, to discuss the upcoming supply chain due diligence legislation and in particular the issue of Xinjiang.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

1. Flash report meeting between Csr Reynders Dutch Minister of Trade and Devco – Netherlands, Ares(2021)3811022;
2. Flash Report Event with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) European Due Diligence Legislation and Implications for the World Economy, 26, Ares(2021) Ares(2021)7931508;
3. Email_Anti-Slavery-International-ECCHR-Import-Controls-Position-Paper, Ares(2021)4471915, which include the following annex:
 - 4. Anti-Slavery-International-ECCHR-Import-Controls-Position-Paper.pdf, Ares(2021)4471915;
5. Email_Position Paper No. 14_2021 of the German Bar Association with regard to the public consultation of the European Commission on sustainable corporate governance, Ares(2021)1225520, which include the following annex:
 - 6. SN 14-2021.pdf, Ares(2021)1225520.

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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:

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B-1049 Brussels

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

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We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to

JUST-A3@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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(*e-signed*)

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