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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/7409**

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your e-mail of 27 November 2021, registered on 29 November 2021, in which you make a request for access to documents under the above-mentioned reference number and to your e-mail of 3 December 2021 clarifying your request.

You request access to: *“All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting between Thierry Breton and PFA on 26th October 2021. Clarification: from 1st June 2021 until today. For the documentation, I would like to receive documents at the Cabinet level please”*.

We have identified the 5 enclosed documents that fall within the scope of your request, and presented in the enclosed table.

A complete disclosure of all identified documents 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 they contain the following data:

- the names/initials, contact information and functions of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials, contact details and functions of other natural persons.

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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.

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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,

*Electronically signed*

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