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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/0818**

Dear Mr Le Louarn,

We refer to your e-mail of 7 February 2022, registered on 8 February 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *“All documents related to Commissioner Breton's meeting with Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V. representatives on March 10, 2021:*

- *all agendas for this meeting;*
- *any record of the aforementioned meeting. This may include, but not necessarily be limited to, minutes of the meeting, verbatim reports of the meeting, transcripts etc, that would provide a record of the proceedings of the meeting;*
- *all documents prepared or received for the purpose of this meeting and/or distributed among the attendees before or during the course of this meeting (such as – but not limited to – handouts, leaflets, briefings or background notes).*
- *all correspondence sent or received in preparation for this meeting and/or in order to arrange these meeting, including all attachments*
- *all documents prepared or received with regards to and/or as a follow up to this meeting; and*
- *all correspondence sent or received with regards to and/or as a follow up to this meeting, including all attachments.”*

We have identified 4 enclosed documents that fall within the scope of your request.

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

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.

In addition, some parts of document 2 have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of international relations laid down in Article 4(1)(a) third indent of the Regulation. Parts of this document contain information from Member States that could damage the EU's diplomatic relations with third countries and within the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Please note that a document originating from a third party is disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released document without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on it. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from its reuse.

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:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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Director General

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