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The Director-General

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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/1044

We refer to your e-mail dated 14 February 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 18 February 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

In particular, you request access to "All documentation, including, but not limited to, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising the following meetings of the cabinet members of Commissioner Adina-Ioana Vălean with multiple organisations: (...)

2. Meeting with Verband der Automobilindustrie (VDA) on 03/02/2022 to discuss the Automotive Industry. (...)".

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other units of the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), parts of your request have been attributed to other units¹. This reply relates only to the documents concerning the meeting mentioned above. You will receive the replies from the other respective units of DG MOVE in due course.

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in

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¹ In particular, the request registered under the reference number GESTDEM 2022/1043, which concerns the "Meeting with World Shipping Council on 19/11/2021 to discuss the evolutions of the maritime sector", and the request registered under the reference number GESTDEM 2022/1045, which concerns the "Meeting with International Consolidated Airlines Group (IAG) on 31/01/2022 to discuss the Transport sustainability commitments of IAG in the framework of "Fit for 55 package" and the "Meeting with Air France KLM (AFKL) on 24/11/2021 to discuss the meeting on the aviation sector and Fit for 55".

your application, as regards the meeting with *Verband der Automobilindustrie* (VDA) on 3 February 2022. The reason for this is that such event was not a formal meeting, but rather a bilateral lunch for which no agenda or background papers have been provided.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents² (hereinafter '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 the Commission, the Commission is 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:

European Commission Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Brussels

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

The COVID-19 outbreak undoubtedly has an impact on the process of handling access to documents requests under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Given large-scale teleworking of the Commission services, all replies, which should normally be sent via registered post, currently are sent only by e-mail. In this regard, we kindly ask you to confirm receipt of this email.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

Henrik HOLOLEI Director-General

² Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).