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Dear Mr Hoedeman,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2516

We refer to your request for access to documents on 4.5.2022, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “*all reports (and other notes) from Commission President Von Der Leyen's meeting with representatives of the European Round Table for Industry (ERT) on March 1st 2022 (a meeting that was also attended by President Macron and Prime Minister Scholz).*”

- all correspondence (including emails and WhatsApp messages) related to this meeting.”

You clarified by email that in fact you meant the meeting that has taken place on 28 February 2022.

We have identified the following documents related to your request:

- *Ares 2022 1920922 Minutes of the meeting ERT CEOs - Paris - 28 February 2022_Redacted*

With regard to the documents identified, a complete disclosure 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 personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other institutions or 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 any 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 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

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: disclosed documents