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Dear Ms Palstra,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/3058

We refer to your e-mail of 24 May 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 24 May 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “all documents – including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations – related to the meeting on 2022-03-10 between Penelope Papandropoulos and Werner Stengg and Google”.

We have identified the following documents related to your request:

1. *E-mail exchange between Cabinet Vestager and Google – Ares(2022)1537878*
2. *Meeting report – Ares(2022)1854346*
3. *Follow-up message – Ares(2022)1862760*
 - 3a. *Attachment on combining personal data*
 - 3b. *Attachment on comments to text*

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- the names/initials and contact details of other institutions or natural persons.

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In your request, you do neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

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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:

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

Elisa ROLLER
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Enclosure: disclosed documents