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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/3029**

Dear Ms Palstra,

We refer to your e-mail of 24 May 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 25 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 2022-02-27 between Thierry Breton and Google.”*

We have identified the enclosed document that falls within the scope of your request:

- Minutes of the call with CEOs of Google and Youtube on 27.02.2022

A complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains the following personal 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.

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.

Please note that the minutes were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the Cabinet of the Commissioner Breton. It solely reflects the cabinet's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
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Yours faithfully,

*Electronically signed*

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