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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/3589**

Dear Ms Menhard,

We refer to your e-mail of 22 June 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, in which you ask for:

*“ 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 between commissioner Mairead McGuinness Blockchain [sic] or cabinet and Association pour le développement des actifs numériques on 29-01-2021.”.*

Your wording “Commissioner Mairead McGuinness Blockchain” [sic] was not clear to us and therefore we kindly asked you by e-mail of 7 July 2022 to clarify its meaning. Given that we have not received a reply from you at the date of this letter, we assume that such wording is a typing mistake and therefore we understand your request to cover documents “related to the meeting between Commissioner Mairead McGuinness or cabinet and Association pour le développement des actifs numériques on 29-01-2021”.

The Commission services have identified the following documents related to the meeting with “Association pour le développement des actifs numériques” that took place on 29-01-2021:

1. Request for a meeting - Ares(2021)351906

2. Presentation on crypto assets - Ares(2021)351906
3. Minutes of the meeting - Ares(2022)4962220

We would like to inform you that according to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 personal data have been redacted in the attached documents.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data 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 put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, we 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.

As regards document 2, please note that it originates from a third party and it 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.

As regards document 3, please note that the minutes were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant member of staff. They solely reflect the authors' interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on their content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 e-mail to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed  
Head of Unit

Enclosure: Request for a meeting - Ares(2021)351906;  
Presentation on crypto assets - Ares(2021)351906;  
Minutes of the meeting - Ares(2022)4962220.