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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref No 2023/0043**

Dear Ms HOEKMAN,

We refer to your e-mail of 3 January 2023 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number and to your reply to our clarification request of 12 January 2023.

You request access to:

*“Any and all (preparatory) documents concerning, discussing or relating to sex work, in particular documents discussing the legal status of sex work(ers):*

- The classification of prostitution as work and/or labour?*
- European Parliament's position on legalizing sex work*
- Sex workers' fundamental rights and freedoms*
- Sex work in relation to human trafficking'”.*

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*“I do not have a specification on persons. Concerning the period of time, I am interested in all documents since 2000.”*

We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 3 January 2023.

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of 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 Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, we are 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)  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

We would appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to [JUST-ACCES-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JUST-ACCES-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,

*(e-signed)*  
Ana GALLEGO