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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/2569

We refer to your request for access to documents which was registered on 03/05/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number ⁽¹⁾, as far as it relates to the 02/03/2023 meeting between Mr Stengg and Microsoft Corporation.

Your application concerns the following documents:

1. Ares(2023)1431983 Meeting request (hereafter ‘document 1.1’);
2. Ares(2023)1638323 Positive reply (hereafter ‘document 1.2’);
3. Ares(2023)1692800 Meeting report/minutes (hereafter ‘document 1.3’).

A complete disclosure of the above mentioned documents 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 natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2018/1725) 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 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.

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

⁽¹⁾ The requested documents related to the other meetings will be dealt with under EASE 2023/2508.

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 also note that minutes of meetings are drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the European Commission. They solely reflect the author's 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 email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Elisa Roller
Director

Enclosure: disclosed documents