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Dear Ms O'Dell,

Subject: Application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/1374

Thank you for your request for access to documents under Regulation No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ("the Regulation") registered on 5 March 2015.

In your request you ask for a list of meetings, minutes and all other documents of these meetings, as well as, all correspondence (including emails) between DG Trade (including the Commissioner and the Cabinet) and representatives of Canadian-headquartered companies, lobby consultancies, law firms and industry associations on Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). You clarified your request on 9 March to cover the period between 1 November 2014 and 9 March 2015.

I regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Nevertheless, I am pleased to inform you that DG Trade has met with the Canadian airline 'Air Transat' on 2 December 2014. No meeting report was drafted due to unsubstantial content of the meeting. Air Transat has no issues with CETA as Air traffic items are covered by the EU-Canada air transport agreement.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 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 have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

I trust this information meets your needs. Please note that in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

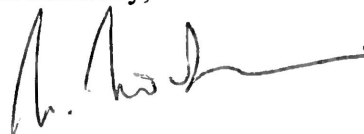
Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Houben', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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