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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2015/3828

Dear Mr Schindler,

I am writing in reference to your e-mail of 11 September 2015, registered on the same day, by which you lodge a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter Regulation 1049/2001).

I also refer to our holding reply dated 2 October 2015, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 23 October 2015.

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to provide you with our final decision concerning your confirmatory application. Given the significant number of documents requiring a detailed, case-by-case analysis, the process of internal consultations has been more time-consuming than usual. Third parties also needed to be consulted. Following this consultation process, the draft confirmatory decision needs to be reviewed by the Commission's Legal Service, after which it will be formally adopted within the Secretariat-General and sent to you. We hope to be able to reply to your request in the coming weeks.

I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply as soon as possible. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kröger Head of Unit

¹ OJ L145, 31.05.2001 p.43