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***By registered letter with  
acknowledgment of receipt***

***By email:*** [pia@corporateeurope.org](mailto:pia@corporateeurope.org)

Dear Ms Eberhardt,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/5085**

Regarding your above mentioned request that we registered in September 2015 and in which you seek access to lists and reports of stakeholder meetings related to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, we sent you the list of 218 meetings on 11 February 2016 and two batches of documents on 5 July 2016. We apologize for the delayed handling of your request. Now most of the remaining documents have been identified and we are in the process of making meaningful batches and disclosing them as soon as we can.

With this letter and the attached documents we are pleased to grant you full access to 37 documents (redacted only by personal data) relevant to the scope of your request. You will find a full list of these documents in Annex I. In addition, the following documents are publicly available:

- position paper submitted by BEUC on TTIP and Health (Annex to number 27):  
[http://www.beuc.eu/publications/beuc-x-2015-064\\_ipa\\_ttip\\_health\\_beuc\\_position.pdf](http://www.beuc.eu/publications/beuc-x-2015-064_ipa_ttip_health_beuc_position.pdf);
- the Civil Society Dialogue meetings (number 28): <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/civilsoc/index.cfm>;
- the position paper '*Limits and opportunities in TTIP with respect to Medical Devices*' (Annex to number 31):  
<http://urbis.europarl.europa.eu/urbis/sites/default/files/generated/document/en/medical%20devices.pdf>.

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with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data<sup>1</sup>.

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We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

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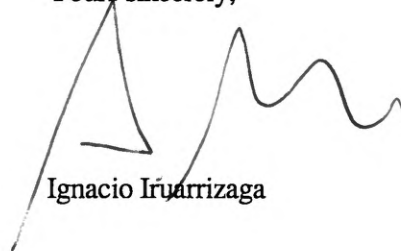
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Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
BERL 5/282  
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

<sup>2</sup> Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, ECR 2010 I-06055.