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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No. 2016/706**

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 03/02/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns the following documents (in chronological order):

	<b>Registration N°</b>	<b>Registration date</b>
1.	Ares(2015)713482	19/02/2015
2.	Ares(2015)866710	27/02/2015
3.	Ares(2015)1270241	23/03/2015
4.	Ares(2015)1649614	17/04/2015
5.	Ares(2015)2146628	22/05/2015
6.	Ares(2015)2327572	03/06/2015
7.	Ares(2015)2498809	15/06/2015
8.	Ares(2015)3247116	03/08/2015
9.	Ares(2015)3323338	10/08/2015
10.	Ares(2015)4322939	15/10/2015
11.	Ares(2015)4654495	28/10/2015
12.	Ares(2015)4725074	30/10/2015
13.	Ares(2015)5180051	18/11/2015
14.	Ares(2015)5968504	21/12/2015

The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the

protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable. According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and 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.

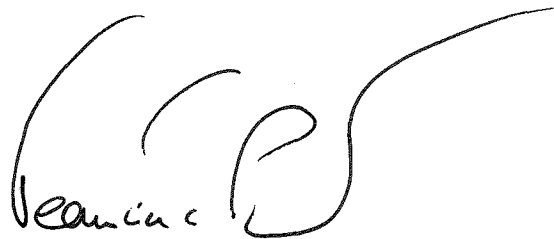
If you wish to receive these personal data, we invite you to provide us with arguments showing the need for having these personal data transferred to you and the absence of adverse effects to the legitimate rights of the persons whose personal data should be disclosed.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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:

European Commission  
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 faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean-Eric Paquet', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Jean-Eric Paquet