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

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2016/1765**

Dear Mr Harmsen,

I refer to your email of 12 March 2016 in which you make a request for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>, registered on 16 March 2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

In particular, you would like to receive access to:

*"- on the topic of endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters), all emails with in attachment scientific studies, or in general documents containing conclusions drawn by scientists or scientific organisations, sent to officials/representatives of the European Commission (all DGs, including the SG) by third parties (between July 2013 and March 14th 2016)".*

I regret to inform you that no documents were found that would fall under the scope of the mentioned part of your request.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

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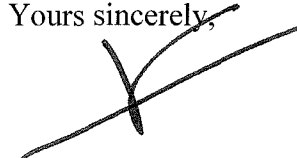
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

Jean-Luc DEMARTY