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**Subject: Your confirmatory applications for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/1708**

Dear Mr Schindler,

I refer to your letter of 27 May 2016, registered on 30 May 2016, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter 'Regulation 1049/2001').

I also refer to our holding reply of 20 June 2016, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory application was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. The extended time limit expires on 11 July 2016.

I would like to inform you that we have now completed the consultations with the authors of the documents, subject to your confirmatory application and we have finalised the assessment of your application. However, as our reply still requires the approval of the Commission's Legal Service and our hierarchy, we will not be able to respond within the extended time-limit. We hope to be able to send you our reply shortly.

I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kröger  
Head of Unit

<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.