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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/4441**

Dear Mr Schindler,

I refer to your email of 14 September 2016, by 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> ("Regulation 1049/2001").

Your confirmatory application is currently being handled. Due to the large number of documents under review, we propose the following 'fair solution' in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation 1049/2001. Based on a first, preliminary estimation of the workload in the treatment of your request, taking into account the performance of other tasks by the staff, we are planning to deal with your request follows:

- the first batch of your request relates to the treatment of 36 documents listed in Annexes II and IV of the initial reply of DG CONNECT : identification of documents, preliminary assessment of your request, preparation of this proposal for a fair solution, contacts and exchanges with the DG, assessment of the content of the documents, performing possible redactions of the relevant parts falling under exceptions of Regulation 1049/2001 and preparation of the draft reply (20 working days); consulting the relevant services and the Legal Service on the draft reply, formal approval of the draft decision by the Secretary-General, final check of the documents to be released and dispatch of the reply (10 working days). The treatment of the first batch amounts therefore to a total of 30 working days;

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


- the second batch of your request, relating to 20 documents listed in Annex III of the initial reply, implies consultation of the third parties and assessment of their reply, redactions of the relevant parts possibly falling under one or several exceptions of Regulation 1049/2001, as well as preparation of the reply (10 working days); exchanges with the relevant services and with the Legal Service on the draft reply, formal approval by the Secretary-General, final check of the documents to be released and dispatch of the reply (10 working days). The treatment of the second batch amounts therefore to a total of 20 working days.

In order to enable us to respect the time-limits of Regulation 1049/2001, we would ask you for a swift reply to our invitation to propose a fair solution, within five working days at the latest by 14 October 2016 by email to [sg-acce-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acce-doc@ec.europa.eu).

If you have any questions concerning the invitation, you can contact us by email or to the telephone (32-2) 29 67826.

In the absence of a reply within five working days, we will unilaterally restrict the scope of your application to those parts that can be dealt with within the extended deadline of 30 working days, counting from the registration of your application of 14 September 2016.

Yours sincerely,

  
Martin Kröger  
Head of Unit