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Mr Arun Dohle

By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

Advance copy by email: <u>ask+request-3205-4cf69937@asktheeu.org</u>

Dear Sir,

## Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/4433

We refer to your e-mail dated 8/8/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

We apologise for the slight delay with which we answer to your query, due to the limited resources available during the holiday period.

Your application concerns all internal and external correspondence, minutes of meetings, emails, related to the follow-up of the newspaper article that appeared on 20 October 2009 in the Romanian newspaper Jurnalul National, titled "Orfanii români, pregătiți de export în UE" (Romanian orphans ready for export to the EU).

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, 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.

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

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

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Yours faithfully,

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