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Subject:

Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2016/4842 and 2016/4845

Dear Mr Pavlou,

I am writing in reference to your letter of 1 November 2016, registered on 3 November 2016, in which you lodged 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 ('Regulation 1049/2001').

I also refer to our holding reply dated 24 November 2016, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory application was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation 1049/2001. This extended time limit expires on 15 December 2016.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide you the reply to your application in the abovementioned time limit. The draft decision is now subject to the further internal consultations between the relevant Commission departments. When its final version is agreed and approved, it will be sent to your address. We expect that we will be able to send you our reply within coming weeks.

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

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kröger Head of Unit