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**Subject: Your application for access to documents in accordance with Regulation 1049/2001– Ref. GestDem 2016/5541**

Dear Ms Cann,

I refer to your e-mail dated 5 October 2016 and registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

*In your e-mail, you request access to. " ...copies of the 2014 application by former Commissioner Connie Hedegaard which sought Commission authorisation for new professional activities with Danfoss under the commissioner code of conduct. I would further like to request any emails, correspondence and meeting notes which relate to this application; and all opinions from the ad hoc ethical committee."*

I would like to inform you that all documents related to the examination and approval by the Commission of the notifications by former Commissioners of the Barroso II Commission on post-mandate activities have already been disclosed partially and/or in their entirety to the public, including those regarding former Commissioner Hedegaard. As you know, during the last notification period the Commission took 50 positive decisions on 110 post mandate activities and no negative decisions; 63 activities of the authorised activities were subject to conditions; 5 notifications were withdrawn by former Commissioners.

The Commission cannot confirm or infirm whether Ms Hedegaard or any other former Commissioner addressed a notification to the Commission in 2014 concerning a post-mandate activity, other than those on activities which have been subject to a Commission decision and are posted in the Commission Transparency website<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/ethics-for-commissioners/decisions\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/ethics-for-commissioners/decisions_en.htm)

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, if you wish to appeal against this decision, you should write to the Commission Secretary-General at the address: sg-acc-doc @ ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Leardini', enclosed within a large, loopy oval stroke.

Pascal Leardini

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