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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents: Ref GestDem No 2016 – 7238; complementary documents

We refer to our reply Ref. Ares(2017)802781 of 14/02/2017 to your e-mail dated 22/12/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents registered under the above mentioned reference number.

We have identified additional documents to fall in the scope of your request:

1. E-mail from ENDOCRINE.ORG of 14/06/2016 on Scientific Commentary from the Endocrine Society Regarding EDC Criteria;
2. *Attachment 1: Letter to Cabinet of Commissioner Vella Regarding Commentary in Lancet Diabetes 150616.pdf;*
3. *Attachment 2: Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology Comment.pdf*

Document No 3 is available online and it has already been provided to you by other services within the context of the same request.

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According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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:

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Yours faithfully,

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