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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GESTDEM No 2016/7260

We refer to your e-mail dated 22/12/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents registered under number GESTDEM 2016/7249. This request has been duplicated for Secretariat General and carries the number GESTDEM 2016/7260, as far as the Secretariat General is concerned. This letter replies therefore only to those parts of the request which concern the Secretariat General (and the President of the Commission and his cabinet).

You request access to the following: *"documents which contain the following information:*

-on the topic of endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters), all minutes of meetings or any other reports of such meetings between officials/representatives of the European Commission (all DGs, including the SG) and scientists (between March 15th 2016 and December 22th 2016).

When 'officials' are mentioned in this request this includes the Commissioners and their Cabinet members, as well as the Commission President and his Cabinet.

After a careful research, 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; Transparency unit SG-B-4; BERL 5/282; B-1049 Bruxelles or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Sleath', followed by a long horizontal line.

William Sleath
acting Director