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To the attention of
Ms Rachael Tackett

Sent by email:
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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2017/1085

Dear Ms Tackett,

We refer to your request for access to documents registered on 22 February 2017 under the above mentioned reference number, and to the reply sent to you by email on 15 March 2017, extending the time limit of our response by 15 working days.

With your application you requested a copy of *"all reports, correspondence, and memorandums on the Privacy Shield framework"* from Oct. 1, 2015 to the Feb. 17, 2017. Your request is still being handled. We are therefore not yet in a position to provide you with our response, for the following reasons:

- we are still in the process of identifying the documents falling within the scope of your request, which concerns a very large number of documents, and determining whether these can be disclosed in light of the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents;
- your request involves documents originating from a third party, namely the United States, which must be consulted and provide us with its own assessment; we have already contacted our interlocutors but are currently waiting for their reply.

In view of the above, we ask you for your understanding that it will require some more time to provide you with our response. In the light of the progress made so far, we expect that we will be able to make our assessment and answer to your request within fifteen days.

We apologise for this further delay and for any inconvenience this may cause. Let me reassure you that we take your request very seriously and we take all the necessary steps to expedite the process in order to provide you with our reply as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Bruno GENCARELLI
Head of Unit