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**Subject: Your application for access to documents: Ref. GestDem N° 2018/429**

Dear Mr Vranken,

You have received an email from SG ACCES DOCUMENTS ([sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)) to the email address you provided us with ([ask+request-4863-c0090f93@asktheeu.org](mailto:ask+request-4863-c0090f93@asktheeu.org)) on 19 January 2018, informing you about the receipt of your request, as well as its registration under the Ref. GestDem N° 2018/429.

## 1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST

You requested access to documents:

- 1. Details of all stakeholders consulted (including member states, industry, academia and others) by High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security policy Federica Mogherini and her cabinet on the decision to establish:  
a) The European Defence Fund; and  
b) The Defence Industrial Development Programme.*
- 2. Details of all meetings, including minutes of meetings, with all stakeholders identified under 1(a) and 1(b) respectively, in relation to:  
a) The European Defence Fund; and  
b) The Defence Industrial Development Programme.*
- 3. All correspondence with the stakeholders identified under 1(a) and 1(b) respectively, in relation to:  
a) The European Defence Fund; and  
b) The Defence Industrial Development Programme.*

Please note that the European Defence Fund (EDF), with its two -research and capability- windows, is an initiative of the European Commission, announced by President Juncker in the State of the Union speech in 2016. It was further elaborated on in the European Defence Action Plan and the Defence Package of June 2017. The latter also included the Commission's proposal for a European Defence Industrial Development Programme. The Commission initiatives in the area of defence are closely linked and coordinated with the work on the implementation of the follow-up to the EU Global Strategy on foreign affairs and security policy led by the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini.

## 2. DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS

We have identified the following documents to be partially disclosed, as follows:

	Registration N°.	Reg. Date	Subject/Title
1.	Ares(2016)6945032	13/12/2016	Letter from ASD President Mauro Moretti to President Juncker
2.	Ares(2017)3084405	20/06/2017	Letter from COMECE General Secretary, Fr. Olivier Poquillon to President Juncker

Part of the documents to which you have requested access, contain personal data.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable. 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 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.

If you wish to receive these personal data, we invite you to provide us with arguments showing the need for having these personal data transferred to you and the absence of adverse effects to the legitimate rights of the persons whose personal data should be disclosed.

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:

European Commission  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
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by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

*[e-Signed]*

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