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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/7585

Dear Ms Reda,

We refer to your request via the AsktheEU.org website dated 21/12/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request reads as follows: "*On October 25, 2016, the JRC presented a draft paper called "The economics of online news aggregation and neighbouring rights for news publishers" to DG TRADE. I am requesting all information held by TRADE concerning both this paper (as well as comments, analysis, position papers, memos, etc). or any information concerning copyright or neighbouring rights for press publishers.*"

We regret to inform you that DG TRADE does not hold any documents that would correspond to that description.

We are aware that according to document 2 disclosed to you in reply to your request GestDem 2017/6751 to the JRC, the draft paper seems to have been received by DG TRADE. However, this is not the case. Please note that when we retrieve non-pdf electronic copies of emails (e.g. as part of replies to access to documents requests), the list of recipients included in these emails is automatically updated in case certain recipients have in the meantime moved from one DG to another. This means that the names of the recipients do not change but the indication of their home DG may do. The recipient of the e-mail in question, dated 25 October 2016, indicated as being in DG TRADE, was in fact actually working in DG CNECT at that time.

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 corresponding to the description in your application are held by DG TRADE, we are 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:

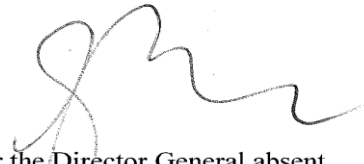
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Yours sincerely

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