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**Subject: Request for clarification in regards to your application for access to documents, Ref. GestDem N° 2018/1904**

Dear Ms Eberhardt,

We refer to your letter dated 29 March 2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number.

You requested access to the following:

"[...]"

- *all reports (and other notes) from meetings between Martin Selmayr (now Secretary General, before Head of Cabinet of Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker) and representatives of the car industry (so representatives of individual companies and car industry federations), since 1 January 2017;*
- *all correspondence (including emails) between Martin Selmayr and representatives of the car industry since 1 January 2017;*
- *all reports (and other notes) from meetings between Martin Selmayr and the German Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (including its former Minister, Alexander Dobrindt), since 1 January 2017;*
- *all correspondence (including emails) between Martin Selmayr and the German Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (including its former Minister, Alexander Dobrindt), since 1 January 2017.*

"[...]"

You also introduce a request under the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour, namely "[...]a list of all the above-mentioned documents (including dates, names of participants/senders/ recipients and their affiliation, subject of meeting/correspondence) "[...]. As this part of your request is not based on Regulation 1049/2001, it will not be addressed in the context of your request registered under reference number GestDem N° 2018/1904.

The description given in your application does not enable us to identify documents which would correspond to your request. In particular, the term *representatives of the car industry (so representatives of individual companies and car industry federations)* does not allow the Commission services to perform the necessary search for documents falling within the scope of your request.

We therefore invite you, pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, to provide us with detailed information on the type of documents which you seek to obtain, for example by listing concretely the representatives of the car industry (representatives of individual companies and car industry federations) you refer to.

We also invite you to specify the subject matter of the reports/correspondence to which you request access, and define the concrete dates/periods during which the documents would have been produced and persons or bodies who drafted the documents.

The 15 working days the time limit for handling your application will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

Thank you in advance,

*[e-Signed]*

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