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Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the TEU

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Subject:

Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem No 2018/2325

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Dear Ms Margarida da Silva,

We refer to your e-mail of 25/04/2018, registered on 26/04/2018 under the above mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹

You requested access to:

- a list of lobby meetings held by the Taskforce with Facebook or its intermediaries. The list should include: date, individuals attending + organisational affiliation, the issues discussed;
- minutes and other reports of these meetings;
- all correspondence (i.e. any emails, correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Taskforce and Facebook or any intermediaries representing its interests.

We have to inform you that the Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union (hereafter 'Taskforce') did not hold any meeting with "Facebook or its intermediaries". Therefore the Taskforce does have any documents 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.

Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

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
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B-1049 Brussels or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Sabine Weyan