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Subject: Your request for access to documents ref. GestDem 2018/4585

Dear Mr Bank,

I refer to your e-mail dated 27/08/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

By your request you wish to receive access to the list of members of the following three Comitology Commissions which fall under the remit of my Directorate-General:

- Committee on Regulation (EU) 2016/589 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets, and amending Regulations (EU) No 492/2011 and (EU) No 1296/2013¹;
- Committee for the technical adaptation of legislation on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels, pursuant to Council Directive 92/29/EEC of 31 March 1992 on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels²;
- Committee for the technical adaptation of legislation on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work³, covering several Directives including Directive 2009/148/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work⁴.

As for Regulation (EU) 2016/589 on worker mobility, the committee in question is the EURES committee. So far, three meetings of this committee took place. For each meeting, there might be different organisations representing the Member States. Therefore, we refer you to the documents of the three individual meetings, as published

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¹ OJ L 107, 22.4.2016, p. 1.

² OJ L 113, 30.4.1992, p. 19.

³ Committee set up pursuant to Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work, OJ L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 330, 16.12.2009, p. 28.

in the Comitology Register. In the summary record of each meeting, there is an annex with the attendance list, specifying the Member States and the organisations representing them in this specific meeting. You can access these attendance lists as follows:

- 1. Go the Comitology Register http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index.cfm
- 2. Go to document search in the menu to the left
- 3. In the window that appears, tick "Search for Dossier" in the line on top
- 4. Then go to section Committee/basic legal act
- 5. There click committee
- 6. In the box that appears select for DG responsible "DG Employment"
- 7. Click on search
- 8. In the list of committees that appear, click "committee EURES"
- 9. You are back now to document search. Click "search" again
- 10. Now you see you see the three meetings with related documents
- 11. In the summary record of each meeting, you can find in an annex, the respective attendance list, specifying the Member States and the organisations representing them in this specific meeting.

As for the committees regarding Directives 92/29/EEC and 2009/148/EC, we regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Indeed, both for the above-mentioned Committee regarding Directive 92/29/EEC and for the one regarding Directive 2009/148/EC, no meetings have been held yet and no lists of members have therefore been compiled. The Committees have been created for occasions where a legislative procedure would require the use of such a committee. Such occasions may well present themselves in the future.

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 given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil 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:

European Commission

Secretary-General

Transparency unit SG-B-4

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B-1049 Bruxelles,

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

Yours faithfully,

For Joost KORTE absent Andriana SUKOVA Deputy Director General