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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

Advance copy by email:

Subject: Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem 5700

Dear Mr Schindler,

We refer to your electronic message from 30 October 2018, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number, in which you submit an initial application in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter 'Regulation 1049/2001').

In your application you requested access to the following documents in relation to *"flash cards employed in meetings on trade policy between Donald Trump and Jean-Claude Juncker"*:

- a) *A list of documents prepared for these meetings.*
- b) *The visual and graphical elements used to create these flash cards, in electronic form if possible.*
- c) *Any information (emails, notes, memos, protocols, letters, drafts) concerning the design and approval process of these flash cards."*

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that correspond to the description given in your application as the flash cards themselves were

¹ Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

short-lived support material used by President Juncker in meetings on trade policy with U.S. President Trump. The same applies for the items listed in your application.

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 application.

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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Yours sincerely,



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