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The Director-General

12. 04. 2019

Brussels,

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/1604

Dear Mr Merino,

We refer to your e-mail dated 15/03/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents registered on 18/03/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns: "A list of all lobby meetings held by the commissioner in charge of European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, Christos Stylianides, or any other member of its Cabinet with any organisations representing churches and/or religious communities since 2014 onwards, including all emails, minutes, reports or any other briefing papers related to all those meetings."

We would like to inform you that during our search for the relevant documents we identified the following meetings concerning your request. Commissioner Stylianides met on 19/12/2014 with Metropolitan Athanasios, Representative of the Greek Orthodox Church to the EU. Furthermore, on 11/07/2016 Commissioner Stylianides was invited to a dinner offered by Metropolitan Athanassios, Representative of the Greek Orthodox Church to the EU. With regard to Members of the Cabinet, Philippos Savvides had a meeting on 02/05/2016 with Mr Di Lillo - European Union Office of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Notwithstanding, we were not able to identify any documents related to these meetings. Therefore, the Commission does not hold any other document that would correspond to your request. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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