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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/7350**

Dear Ms Balanya,

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/02/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 19/02/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application:

*1- all correspondence (including email) between 1st January 2019 and 19 December 2019 between the former/current Commissioner for Energy and/or his/her cabinet and/or officials and representatives of DG Energy on one hand and representatives from Shell, ExxonMobil and Chevron on the other, in which the European Green Deal was addressed.*

*2 - list of meetings between 1st January 2019 and 19 December 2019 between officials and representatives of DG Energy on one hand and representatives from Shell, ExxonMobil and Chevron on the other, in which the European Green Deal reform was addressed.*

*3 - minutes of the meetings mentioned above.*

The services of the Directorate General for Energy (“DG Energy”) have searched through their files and consulted the Cabinet of Commissioner Simson as well as the European Commission’s historical archives (with regard to documents previously held by the Cabinet of former Commissioner Arias Cañete). The result of this search is that no documents could be found that would correspond to the description in your request. As

the search had to be carried out not only in the files of DG Energy but also in those of the current Cabinet as well as the historical archives, it was not possible to finalise the search within the extended time limit for an initial reply provided for by Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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 (EC) No 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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Yours faithfully,

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