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Dear Ms Kieninger,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/7352

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/12/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 20/12/2019 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

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 International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP), EUROGAS and FuelsEurope 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 International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP), EUROGAS and FuelsEurope on the other, in which the European Green Deal reform was addressed.

3 - minutes of the meetings mentioned above

Your application concerns the following documents:

Ares reference	Date	Title	Author
Ares(2019)7916960	13/12/2019	Letter to Commissioner Simson	IOGP
Ares(2019)7817358	21/11/2019	Meeting request with Commissioner Simson	IOGP
Ares(2019)7678260	03/12/2019	Invitation to give Keynote Speech: Eurogas Annual Conference 2020	Eurogas
Ares(2019)7765492	17/12/2019	Positive reply to Eurogas' invitation to give Keynote Speech	Cabinet of Commissioner Simson
Ares(2019)7646360	02/12/2019	Open letter by 16 companies on sector coupling and integration by power-to-X: A key to a climate-neutral Europe by 2050	FuelsEurope and 15 other companies
Ares(2019)7680043	29/11/2019	Letter to Commissioner Simson	FuelsEurope
Ares(2019)7752249	17/12/2019	Meeting request with Commissioner Simson	FuelsEurope
Ares(2020)1728751	17/12/2019	Minutes of meeting with IOGP	DG Energy

I am glad to inform you that we can grant wide partial access to the documents listed above, subject only to the redaction of personal data.

A complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

- the names of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures of natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not

been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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

Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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