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**By registered letter with acknowledgment
of receipt**

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Dear Ms Douo,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/0108

We refer to your e-mail dated 07/01/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 07/01/2020 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 Total, BP and CEFIC 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 Total, BP and CEFIC 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)7795754	12/12/2019	French Union of Electricity_ Request for a meeting	French Union of Electricity
Ares(2019)7924139	10/12/2019	Letter of congratulations	Cefic

With regard to the two documents listed above, 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.

Please note that no specific document was found for point 2 and 3.

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:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

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

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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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