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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/1143

Dear Mr Stolton,

I refer to your e-mail of 26 February 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 27 February 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to, I quote:

‘- Detailed minutes of the meeting between UK Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham and Commission Vice-President Věra Jourová on Tuesday 25th February. [...] a list of all the individuals present as well as the general issues discussed.

- Detailed minutes of any other meetings between Commission officials and Mrs Denham on Tuesday 25th February’.

Your application concerns the following document:

- Flash report concerning the meeting of Commission Vice-President Věra Jourová with the UK Information Commissioner Ms Elizabeth Denham of 25 February 2020, reference Ares(2020)1904165.

Please note that wide partial access is granted to the requested document, a complete disclosure of which 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 it contains the following personal data:

- the names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names of natural persons external to the Commission, who are not considered as public figures acting in their public capacity.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation¹ does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you establish 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 put forward 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 these personal data contained in the requested document, 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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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
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Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: (1)

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 2018, 21.11.2018, p.39.