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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2020/3667

Dear Mr Hoedeman

I refer to your e-mail of 9 September 2020, registered the same day in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 16 June 2020 in which you requested:

'1- minutes and other reports of meetings between the European Commission and private healthcare companies (including Fresenius, Helios /Quironsalud, Asklepios, Ramsay Health, Sana Kliniken, Elsan, Gruppo San Donato and Capio), professional services firms (including PWC, Deloitte, KPMG, EY and McKinsey) as well as with lobby groups and thinktanks (including the European alliance for cost efficiency in healthcare (COSTEFF), Health

¹ Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Consumer Powerhouse, etc.), where medical care and healthcare issues (including health sector reform, patients choice, cross-border healthcare, or healthcare service markets) were discussed (from June 1st 2017 till today).

2 - all correspondence (including emails) between the European Commission and private healthcare companies (including Fresenius Helios /Quironsalud, Asklepios, Ramsay Health, Sana Kliniken, Elsan, Gruppo San Donato and Capió), professional services firms (including PWC, Deloitte, KPMG, EY and McKinsey) as well as with lobby groups and thinktanks (including the European alliance for cost efficiency in healthcare (COSTEFF), Health Consumer Powerhouse, etc.), where medical care and healthcare issues (including health sector reform, patients choice, cross-border healthcare, or healthcare service markets) were discussed (from June 1st 2017 till today).

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety.

As you did not receive a reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 9 September 2020, against the tacit refusal of access to the documents requested.

On 28 September 2020, you received an extended deadline letter.

I note that on 9 October 2020 you received a partially negative reply from the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, in which you were informed that 57 documents that fell under the scope of your request had been identified.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application.

You are entitled to submit a new confirmatory application if you do not agree with the position of the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, included in its explicit reply of 9 October 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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