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Dear Ms DOUO,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4463

I refer to your e-mail of 17 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents. This request was registered on 22 July 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- the sworn statements and declarations of activities by Nathalie Tocci related to her appointment as Special Adviser to Josep Borrell as defined in point 5 of the rules on Special Advisers to the Commission.
- the statement of assurance and confirmation of Nathalie Tocci's appointment by Josep Borrell as defined in point 5 of the rules on Special Advisers to the Commission.
- Any correspondence between the EEAS and the Secretariat-General mentioning Nathalie Tocci.

You have already received a separate reply from another Commission service to the last point of your request.

Concerning the sworn statement of Ms Tocci, I would like to inform you that this document is publicly available on the Europa website of the European Commission:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/about-european-commission/service-standards-and-principles/transparency/special-advisers_en

Having examined the other documents covered by the first two points of your request, I have come to the conclusion that they may be disclosed. They are attached to the present letter. I would like to clarify in this context that, with the statement of assurance, the Member of the Commission also confirms the appointment request; there is no separate document regarding this confirmation.

However, since the handwritten signatures in these documents are biometric data, there is a risk that their disclosure would prejudice the legitimate interests of the persons concerned. The signatures have therefore been redacted in the attached copies.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: Declaration of activities of Ms Tocci
Statement of assurance concerning Ms Tocci