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***By registered letter with acknowledgment  
of receipt***

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**Subject:       Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/5192**

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail dated 01/09/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 02/09/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documents and correspondence concerning the EU funding of the translations of the “Guide to Good Practice – Mediation” on the 1993 Hague Adoption Convention.

Having examined your request, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, because the Guide you are referring to does not exist.

You are indeed referring to a sentence to be found at page 24 of the HCCH Annual Report 2013 where no mention of the 1993 Adoption Convention is made, as the sentence reads as follows:

*” The “Guide to Good Practice – Mediation” (published in 2012 in English, French and Spanish) was made available in 2013 in most languages of the European Union and in Arabic thanks to the generous support of the European Commission/DG Justice. A Russian translation*

*of the Guide is available thanks to the Scientific and Methodological Center for Mediation and Law, Moscow, Russia.”<sup>1</sup>*

The HCCH Report refers to another Hague Convention, namely the 1980 Child Abduction Convention, indeed explicitly mentioned in the sentence before and in the sentence thereafter.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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)  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://assets.hcch.net/docs/6e0c6044-fca2-46cc-a6d8-41a26bf06dad.pdf>