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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/5313

Dear Mr Hillebrandt,

I refer to your e-mail of 8 September 2020, registered on the same day, in which you make a request for access to documents, under the above-mentioned reference number. Please accept our apologies for the late reply to your request.

1. Scope of Your Request

You request access to, I quote:

'[t]he 91st to the 120th final decisions by the European Commission in confirmatory application procedures under Regulation 1049/2001 issued in 2019' (hereafter the 'requested documents').

In your request, you specified that you request access to these documents for the purposes of academic research. You further added that any personal data is explicitly excluded from the scope of your request and you agree with any related redactions in the documents. Moreover, you underlined that you were interested in gaining access only to the documents containing the European Commission decision concerning the confirmatory application. Thus, the enclosures of the requested documents do not fall within the scope of your request. You also indicated that wherever the English version of the requested documents is available, you limit your request to that version only.

Finally, you referred to the fair solution agreement that you and the European Commission agreed earlier, when your previous and essentially similar requests, registered under GESTDEM 2020-2451 and 2020-2853, had been processed.

The identified documents falling within the scope of your request, including their detailed references, are listed in Annex I of this reply.

2. ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSIONS UNDER REGULATION (EC) No 1049/2001

I can inform you that full access is granted to the requested documents.

The personal data, to which you do not request access, have been redacted as they fall outside of the scope of your request.

3. MEANS OF REDRESS

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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

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