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**Subject: Confirmatory application for access to documents  
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Dear Mr. Kolimatsis,

I am writing in reference to your letter of 24 January 2014, registered 29 January 2014, by which you lodge a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter Regulation 1049/2001).

I also refer to our holding reply dated 19 February 2014, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expired on 11 March 2014.

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to provide you with our final position within this deadline. However, I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply as soon as possible, since it has already been drafted and reviewed by our Legal Services and it only needs to finish validation within the hierarchy. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kröger  
Head of Unit

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L145, 31.05.2001 p.43