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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/1803

We refer to your e-mail of 20 March 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 22 March 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “documents which contain the following information: all documents - including but not limited to minutes, (handwritten) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, e-mails, and presentations - related to all meetings between member of the Commission and representatives of BusinessEurope from July 2020 to the present.”

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Cabinet of Vice-President Jourová. You received or will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General or Cabinets in due course.

Your application concerns the following document:

- Report-meeting with BusinessEurope-22/07/20, reference Ares(2021)2497028 (hereafter ‘document’)

With regard to the document listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified document is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you have proven that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you decide to put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

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In case you were to disagree with this position, 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or, if possible, by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

William SLEATH

Annex: 1