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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2021/4854**

Dear Mr Civillini,

I refer to your e-mail of 3 June 2021, registered on 4 August 2021, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 21 April 2021 in which you requested, I quote:

‘For the period between 1 January 2019 to date:

- a list of all lobby and industry meetings and/or calls held by the DG ENV, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, during which “deep-sea mining” and/or “seabed mining” and/or “marine minerals” were discussed.

The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;

- all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;

¹ Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

- all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings and/or exchanged during the course of the meetings.
- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the DG ENV, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing “deep-sea mining” and/or “seabed mining” and/or “marine minerals”;

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Environment. As you did not receive an initial reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 3 June 2021.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 15 September 2021 (under reference number Ares(2021)5652371).

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 15 September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés
Head of Unit