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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/2900

Dear Mr Aitchison,

We refer to your e-mail of 4 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *“All documentation, on the following meetings between:*

- BusinessEurope and Joan Canton, Cabinet member of Thierry Breton on 11/01/2021 regarding Industrial Strategy*
- European Round Table for Industry (ERT) and Commissioner Breton and Joan Canton, on 23/02/2021, regarding industrial strategy.*
- Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Joan Canton, Cabinet member of Thierry Breton on 22/03/2021 regarding Industrial strategy, automotive, chemicals.*
- Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President, on 01/03/2018 regarding Industrial policy*
- Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana (Confindustria) and Marika LautsoMousnier, Cabinet member of Jyrki Katainen on 09/01/2018 regarding Industrial policy & challenges of EU competitiveness”.*

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 the relevant Directorates-Generals. This reply relates only to the documents held by DG GROW. You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

We have identified 10 documents falling within the scope of your request as listed in the enclosed document register.

With regard to the above mentioned documents, a complete disclosure of the identified documents 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 they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove 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 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.

In addition, having examined the document Ares(2021)2714736 (Briefing CAB/Breton 750) I have come to the conclusion that this document may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the document have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exception/exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4(2) and 4(3) first subparagraph of this Regulation.

The redacted parts of the document contain commercially sensitive information and relate to a matter where the decision has not been taken by the institution. Disclosure of these parts would undermine the protection of commercial interests of a third party and the institution's decision making process.

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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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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Sincerely yours,

Electronically signed

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