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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3436

Dear Ms Roxburgh,

We refer to your e-mail of 24 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

"All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting listed below:

- 1. Between Eurofer and Joan Canton, cabinet member of Thierry Breton, Commissioner of Internal Market, on the 19th April 2021;
- 2. Between Eurofer and Joan Canton, cabinet member of Thierry Breton, Commissioner of Internal Market, on the 24th March 2021;
- 3. Between Eurofer and Joan Canton and Eszter Batta, cabinet members of Thierry Breton, Commissioner of Internal Market, on the 14th December 2020;
- 4. Between Eurofer and Gaelle Garnier, cabinet member of Thierry Breton, and Commissioner Thierry Breton 10th September 2020".

We have identified 8 documents that fall within the scope of your request. You will find attached a table listing the identified documents and summarising the outcome of the assessment carried out on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

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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 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Laurence de Richemont Head of Unit

Electronically signed

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