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Dear Mr Maslias,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/4284

We refer to your request addressed to the Commission to access documents, dated 28 June 2021, registered on 29 June 2021 under the following reference number GESTDEM 2021/4284.

Your request concerns:

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

- 1. Between SolarPower Europe and Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President on 7th May 2021;*
- 2. Between SolarPower Europe and Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President on 4th February 2021 - Ares(2020)6118660, Ares(2020)7129752, Ares(2020)7314570;*
- 3. Between SolarPower Europe and Aleksandra Tomczak, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans on 2nd December 2020 - Ares(2020)6843438, Ares(2020)7216858; and,*
- 4. Between SolarPower Europe and Riccardo Maggi, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans on the 1st October 2020 - Ares(2020)4441713, Ares(2020)4922565.*

Together with this letter please find enclosed the documents falling within the scope of your requests 2, 3 and 4.

In your application, you indicate that your address is in the United Kingdom. Transfers of personal data from the Commission to countries that are not members of the European Economic Area (EEA), or to international organisations are regulated under Chapter V of the Data Protection Regulation¹. According to Article 47(1) of this Regulation, a transfer of personal data to a third country or an international organisation may take place where the Commission has decided that the third country, a territory or one or more specified sectors within that country, or the international organisation in question ensures an adequate level of protection and where the personal data are transferred solely to allow tasks within the competence of the controller to be carried out.

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 neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Regarding your request for documents on the meeting between SolarPower Europe and Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President on 7th May 2021, the Secretariat-General does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Secretariat-General, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In case you 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
Secretary-General Transparency unit SG-C.1
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

e-signed

Elisabeth WERNER
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Enclosure: 3 documents:

- Between SolarPower Europe and Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President on the 4th February 2021
- Between SolarPower Europe and Aleksandra Tomczak, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans on the 2nd December 2020
- Between SolarPower Europe and Riccardo Maggi, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans on the 1st October