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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/4659

Dear Ms Changoe,

I refer to your application dated 20/07/2021, in which you make a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹ ('Regulation 1049/2001'), registered on 22/07/2021 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

All documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, e-mails, and presentations, correspondence (i.e. any emails, correspondence, telephone call notes, and/or text messages including WhatsApp exchanges) – related to:

- Meetings held between Ms E. M. CARBALLEIRA FERNANDEZ - Deputy Head of Latin America Unit - and representatives of companies and business associations on issues related to the EU Mercosur Free Trade Agreement.

- Meetings held between Mr J. BAZILL Trade Affairs Officer Latin America Unit - and representatives of companies and business associations on issues related to the EU Mercosur Free Trade Agreement.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

- *Meetings held between Mr A. NICOLAJ - Senior Trade Expert Latin America Unit - and representatives of companies and business associations on issues related to the EU Mercosur Free Trade Agreement.*

- *Meetings held between Ms L. BALOGOVÁ - Coordinator of negotiations of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement - and representatives of companies and business associations on issues related to the EU Mercosur Free Trade Agreement.*

We regret to inform you that we do not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. We do not hold any documents because no such meetings took place. This is because of the fact that meetings between the representatives of the industry and DG TRADE take place either at a higher level or in a format of civil society dialogues. Reports of the civil society dialogues on the EU-Mercosur Agreement can be found on the DG TRADE website: <https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1769>.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 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 DG Trade, DG Trade is not in a position to fulfil your request.

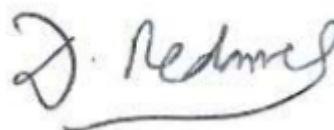
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,



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