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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/8005

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail of 7 December 2021, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 9 December 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number. We apologise for the late reply, due to difficulties in processing the request.

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 meetings listed below:

- 1. Between CMA CGM and Ruben Alexander Schuster, Cabinet member of Virginijus Sinkevičius on 15/09/2020 with the following subject: "The contribution of shipping to the blue economy and to decarbonization"*
- 2. Between CMA CGM and Camilla Bursi, Cabinet member of Virginijus Sinkevičius on 23/10/2020 with the following subject: "To discuss the decarbonization strategy and sustainability report"*

Your application concerns the following documents:

1. Press Release “The CMA CGM Group commits to fight illicit trafficking in protected species and tightens its shipment control procedures”, CMA CGM, July 2020, *Ares(2022)1973319* (Document 1)
2. CMA CGM, “Sustainable Development at a glance”, *Ares(2022)3798233* (Document 2)
3. CMA CGM, “Corporate presentation”, *Ares(2022)3798233* (Document 3)
4. CMA CGM, European Commission, Exchange of emails, *Ares(2022)1973319* (Document 4)

5. CMA CGM, “Decarbonization Strategy 2030-2050”, *Ares(2022)3798233*
(Document 5)

With regard to the documents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, listed above, 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 and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons.

Therefore, the redacted versions of the documents are enclosed to this letter.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation¹ does not allow the transmission of the personal data indicated under the first two indents above, 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 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.

Please note that documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

In case you would 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
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)

¹ OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39-98: Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (Text with EEA relevance.)

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Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
Martina DOPPELHAMMER

Annexes:

- Document 1 (*Ares(2022)1973319*) in a redacted version
- Document 2 (*Ares(2022)3798233*) in a redacted version
- Document 3 (*Ares(2022)3798233*) in a redacted version
- Document 4 (*Ares(2022)1973319*) in a redacted version
- Document 5 (*Ares(2022)3798233*) in a redacted version

