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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2156

Dear Mr Brown,

We refer to your e-mail of 13 April 2022, registered on 29 April 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“documents which contain information pertaining to a reference made in European Parliament resolution of 12 March 2019 on security threats connected with the rising Chinese technological presence in the EU and possible action on the EU level to reduce them (2019/2575(RSP)).

In particular, the applicant is asking an access to the text of the statement from the Commission made on 13th February 2019 regarding China-related security threats, and any related internal documents/communications between the Commission and Member States and/or other EU institutions, and/or Members of the European Parliament (including their offices/staff and the EP parties) during the drafting of the above statement and subsequent documents/communications on the matter following publication of the statement.”

We regret to inform you that the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Please note that former DG GROW competences were transferred to the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS) with its creation in 2019, and it is possible that any relevant documents could have been transferred to this new DG.

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 DG GROW, DG GROW is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels,

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

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

Kerstin Jorna
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