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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2022/2393**

Dear Ms Ewbank,

We refer to your e-mail of 27 April 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 27 April 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *all documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising, the following meetings between:*

- *Equinor ASA (EQNR) Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) and Commissioner Kadri Simson on 04/02/2022*
- *Exxon Mobil Petroleum & Chemical (EMPC) and Cabinet members of Commissioner Kadri Simson on 06/04/2022*
- *International Association of Oil & Gas Producers Europe (IOGP Europe) and Cabinet members of Commissioner Kadri Simson on 28/03/2022*
- *Equinor ASA (EQNR) and Commissioner Kadri Simson on 23/02/2022*
- *International Association of Oil & Gas Producers Europe (IOGP Europe) and Commissioner Kadri Simson on 28/03/2022.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

<b>Nr.</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Ares</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>1</b>	IOGP	Ares(2022)895312	28/03/2022	MEETING REQUEST KS - Open date - With Dawn Summers, President of the IOGP European Board
<b>2</b>	IOGP	Ares(2023)775614	28/03/2022	[Re] MEETING REQUEST KS - Open date - With Dawn Summers, President of the IOGP European Board
<b>3</b>	IOGP	Ares(2022)3269571	28/03/2022	Minutes of the meeting 28/03/2022 between Kadri Simson and IOGP
<b>4</b>	ExxonMobil	Ares(2023)2947203	01/04/2022	Call SG with ExxonMobil - 06/04/2022 - contact details
<b>5</b>	ExxonMobil	Ares(2023)2947085	26/04/2023	MEETING MINUTES meeting with Exxon on 6 April 2022
<b>6</b>	Equinor	Ares(2022)662554	28/01/2022	MEETING REQUEST KS - 04-05/02/2022 - Baku - With Equinor's Senior Vice-President responsible for Russia and Azerbaijan, Tore Løseth
<b>7</b>	TAP	Ares(2023)3028156	11/01/2022	Meeting request KS - TAP - Baku 04-02-2022
<b>8</b>	Equinor & TAP	Ares(2023)3028012	04/02/2022	MEETING MINUTES Equinor & TAP 04-02-2022
<b>9</b>	Equinor	Ares(2023)1846772	25/02/2022	Minutes of the meeting with Equinor CEO
<b>10</b>	Equinor	Ares(2022)706221	31/01/2022	MEETING REQUEST KS - 23/02/2022 - Brussels - With Equinor's CEO. Mr Anders Opedal

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the documents listed above may be partially disclosed.

In fact, 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/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons.

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 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 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.

Access is granted to minutes of meetings with external parties. These documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service. They solely reflect the service's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal<sup>1</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by mail:**

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**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

*Electronically signed*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>