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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2717

We refer to your e-mail of 8 May 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12 May 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *Minutes of meetings between Commission officials and representatives of Twitter during the calendar years of 2021 and 2022* and *Transcripts of telephone calls and/or teleconference communications between Commission officials and representatives of Twitter during the calendar years of 2021 and 2022*.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by the **Secretariat General**. You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

Your application concerns the following documents:

1. *Ares 2021 4095677 - Open letter from 5 int social media platforms highlighting the opportunity the DSA_Redacted*
2. *Ares(2021)4095677 Joint Letter - Open Internet - Digital Services Act - June 2021.pdf*
3. *Ares(2022)3751633 Short notes of meeting on 17 Sept 2021 Automattic Twitter Vimeo The Jodel Venture_Redacted*

With regard to the documents 1 and 3 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/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

¹ Gestdem 2022/2628, 2022/2715, 2022/2716, 2022/2718.

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.

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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

Elisa Roller

Enclosure: *Three documents*