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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/3021

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 24 May 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 25 May 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to *all documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on 2022-02-18 between Johannes Hahn and Google.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- Email from 24 January 2022 containing the invitation to dinner from the World Economic Forum, with reference Ares(2022)733997 (Annex 1)
- Email exchange with reply from the Cabinet of Commissioner Hahn from 31 January 2022, reference Ares(2022)4045574 (Annex 2)

With regard to the 2 documents, annex 1 and annex 2 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.

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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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)

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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosures: Annex 1: invitation to dinner, bearing Ares(2022)733997 reference.
 Annex 2: e-mail exchange with reply, bearing Ares(2022)4045574
 reference