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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/4905

Dear Mr Petitjean,

We refer to your e-mail dated 20 August 2022, assigned to Directorate-General Climate Action on 31 August 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents and registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to: [a]ll 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 Frans Timmermans and ExxonMobil on 27 June 2022.
- 2. Between Anthony Agotha (Cabinet member) and Teneo on 22 June 2022.
- 3. Between Mauro Raffaele Petriccione (Director-General) and Dow Europe on 8 February 2022.
- 4. Between Mauro Raffaele Petriccione (Director-General) and Cefic on 29 September 2021.
- 5. Between Helena Braun (Cabinet member) and Ineos, PlasticsEurope and others on 13 October 2021.
- 6. Between Mauro Raffaele Petriccione (Director-General) and ExxonMobil on 15 April 2021.
- 7. Between Sarah Nelen (Cabinet member), Damyana Stoynova (Cabinet member), Riccardo Maggi (Cabinet member) and BASF on 7 December 2020.
- 8. Between Sarah Nelen (Cabinet member), Damyana Stoynova (Cabinet member) and BASF on 12 October 2020.
- 9. Between Frans Timmermans and PlasticsEurope on 24 June 2020.
- 10. Between Frans Timmermans and Cefic on 11 June 2020.

11. Between Aleksandra Tomczak (Cabinet member) and FuelsEurope on 5 May 2020.

Your application concerns the following documents:

	Reference	Author	Date
1	Ares(2020)2392246	Fuels Europe	6 May 2020
2	Ares(2020)2498928	Plastics Europe	11 May 2020
3	Ares(2020)2498928	Plastics Europe	11 May 2020
4	Ares(2020)2690661	CEFIC/European Commission	19 May 2020
5	Ares(2020)2765685	CEFIC/European Commission	6 July 2021
6		Plastics Europe/European	
	Ares(2020)3156122	Commission	17 June 2020
7		Plastics Europe/European	
	Ares(2020)3338346	Commission	1 October 2020
8	Ares(2020)5099866	CEFIC	29 September 2020
9	Ares(2020)5099866	CEFIC	29 September 2020
10	Ares(2020)5600445	BASF	30 September 2020
11	Ares(2020)5600499	BASF/European Commission	1 October 2020
12	Ares(2020)7445335	BASF	19 October 2020
13	Ares(2020)7445375	BASF/European Commission	18 November 2020
14	Ares(2021)1151412	European Commission	10 February 2021
15	Ares(2021)2641892	European Commission	20 April 2021
16		Plastics Europe/European	
	Ares(2021)4823468	Commission	28 July 2021
17		Plastics Europe/European	
	Ares(2021)6783373	Commission	3 November 2021
18	Ares(2021)7550884	European Commission	7 December 2021
19	Ares(2022)1568200	European Commission	3 March 2022
20		TENEO/European	
	Ares(2022)3867217	Commission	23 May 2022
21	Ares(2022)4082934	ExxonMobil	31 May 2022
22	Ares(2022)4082934	ExxonMobil	31 May 2022
23		TENEO/European	
	Ares(2022)6132210	Commission	23 May 2022

Please find the documents enclosed with this letter. However, I regret to inform you that I cannot give you access to some parts of the documents.

A complete disclosure of the 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 the documents contain: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; and names of other natural persons and other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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.

As regards documents 14, 15, 18 and 19, these were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials of DG CLIMA. They solely reflect the author's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on the content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 sincerely,

(e-signed)
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