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Dear Ms Belen Balanya,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/6389 and 6390

We refer to your e-mail sent and registered on 08 November 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 09 November 2022 under the above mentioned reference number.

You requested access to “*Minutes of the meeting between President von der Leyen and the Chairman of the ERT (Jean-François van Boxmeer) held on 25 October in Berlin*” and to “*All briefings prepared for Commission President Von der Leyen and/or their cabinet in advance of meetings with the European Round Table for Industry (ERT) from June 2022 until the present day.*”

The following document falls within the scope of your application:

- Ares(2022)7907844 Meeting between President von der Leyen and the Chairman of the ERT held on 25 October in Berlin_Redacted

With regard to the document listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains 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 (Regulation 2018/1725) 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 document, 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.

The document was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant official of the European Commission. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers. It does 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 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)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Please kindly send an acknowledgement of the receipt of this reply.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Elisa Roller
Director

Annex: 1 document