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Subject: Your application for access to documents 2022/7192

Dear Ms Ellis,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 12.12.2022 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 meeting between Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans and Sasol on 21/09/2022 on decarbonisation and just transition in South Africa, and Sasol's green hydrogen investments*”.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- *Meeting request with EVP Frans Timmermans and Diederik Samsom-Sasol_redacted*, registered on 05.09.2022, Reference Ares(2022)6135428

With regard to the document 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, contact details and detailed description of positions 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.

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 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 portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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