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Dear Ms Cingotti,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/4840

We refer to your e-mail dated 14/09/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 15/09/2015 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to *"a list of meetings between EU Commissioner Malmström and/or her Cabinet, and/or DG Trade staff members, and/or the EU TTIP negotiating team, with law firm Shearman & Sterling in relation to the topic of investor-state dispute settlement (since 1 December 2014)"; and "minutes and other reports of these meetings (since 1 December 2014)".*

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

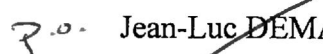
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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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Yours sincerely,

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