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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/5404

Dear Mr Eicker,

We refer to your e-mail dated 14/10/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number. In your application you seek in particular the identity of those "*who (from the EU-side) negotiated with ECOWAS the Economic Partnership Agreement*".

In line with the Commission's commitment to ensure transparency and accountability,¹ the Commission discloses the names and meetings of those who bear political responsibility within the Commission. I am therefore pleased to inform you of the identity of the Commissioners and the five Directors of the Commission Services and the European External Action Service (EEAS) who were involved in the negotiations on the Economic Partnership Agreement with West-Africa.

You can find the list below.

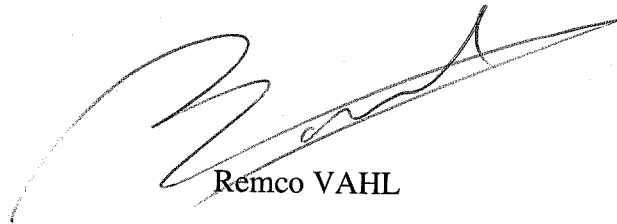
1. Peter Mandelson, European Commissioner for Trade (2004-2008);
2. Catherine Ashton, European Commissioner for Trade (2008-2009);
3. Karel De Gucht, European Commissioner for Trade (2010-2014);
4. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development Co-operation (2004-2009);
5. Karl Friedrich FALKENBERG – Director DG TRADE in charge of EPAs (2002-2006);
6. Peter THOMPSON – Director DG TRADE in charge of EPAs (2006-2013);

¹ See Commission decisions C(2014) 9051 and C(2014) 9048 of 25 November 2014 on the publication of information on meetings held between Members and Directors-General of the Commission and organisations or self-employed individuals, respectively available at http://ec.europa.eu/news/2014/docs/c_2014_9051_en.pdf and http://ec.europa.eu/news/2014/docs/c_2014_9048_en.pdf

7. Manuel LOPEZ BLANCO – Director DG DEVCO and subsequently EEAS in charge of West and Central Africa (2008-2012);
8. Peteris USTUBS – Director EEAS in charge of West and Central Africa (2013-2014);
9. Pierre AMILHAT – Director DG DEVCO in charge of West and Central Africa (2013-2014).

I trust you find this reply satisfactory. Unless I hear from you within 15 days upon receipt of this letter, I consider your request closed.

Yours sincerely,

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