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By registred mail:

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**Subject: Your application for access to documents pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents – ref. GestDem 2016/78**

Dear Mr Panichi,

I refer to your e-mail of 6 January 2016, registered on 7 January 2016, by which you make a request pursuant to Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup>.

You request access to *all correspondence written by Martin Selmayr, the chef de cabinet of Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, about Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, between November and December 2015*. By email dated 7 January 2016 you further specified that you request access to *correspondence from Mr Selmayr to other members of the Juncker cabinet which name explicitly Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi in the time period I have specified*.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

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

In case you would disagree with the above assessment, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to introduce 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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