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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under  
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2016/6484**

Dear Mr Pavlou,

I refer to your e-mail of 27 January 2017, registered on 30 January 2017, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter ‘Regulation 1049/2001’).

I also refer to our holding reply dated 20 February 2017, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory application was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 13 March 2017.

I regret to have to inform you that we will not be able to respond within the extended time-limit, as we have not yet finalised external and internal consultations. I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply as soon as possible. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kröger  
Head of Unit

<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.