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The Director-General

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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2017/0159

Dear Mr Harmsen,

I refer to your email dated 22/12/2016, registered on 23/12/2016 under the above mentioned reference number, in which you make a request for access to documents within the framework of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereinafter referred to as 'Regulation 1049/2001').

You requested access to all minutes of meetings or any other reports of such meetings on the topic of endocrine disruptors (also spelled: disrupters) between officials/representatives of the European Commission (including the Commissioner and his Cabinet members) and scientists (between March 15th 2016 and December 22th 2016).

As far as the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation is concerned, Directorate E (Health) is responsible for this issue. They have confirmed that no meeting with scientists was held or attended by the Directorate staff members on the topic of endocrine disruptors between 15 March and 22 December 2016.

During the same period one meeting involving the Cabinet of the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation took place on the Commission proposal on scientific criteria to identify endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs), but there are no minutes or follow-up correspondence. The meeting was registered in accordance with the Transparency Register rules and is listed on Commissioner Carlos Moedas's official webpage (http://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/moedas_en).

¹ Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43

Therefore I 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 the 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.

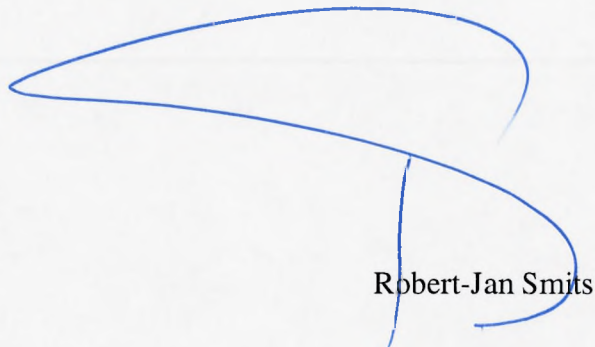
Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission, at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,



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