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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref Gest Dem No 2017/0137**

We refer to your e-mail dated 11/01/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 31/01/2017.

An extended time limit is needed as your application concerns a large number of documents. In order to retrieve the documents requested, large files have to be examined.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 21/02/2017.

We apologise for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Moreover, please note that the first paragraph of your request regarding *"a list of bids for contracts and tenders both successful and unsuccessful in relations to the EU's involvement in Swaziland, in relations to the National Indicative Programme 2008-2013, the National Indicative Programme 2014-2020, and the Swaziland Agricultural Development Programme"* is going to be dealt according to the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour, since Regulation 1049/2001 on access to documents is exclusively applicable to existing documents of the Institutions. In this sense, regarding this first part of your request, you will receive a separate answer by the end of February 2017.

Yours faithfully,

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