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Subject: Request for access to documents – GESTDEM No. 2017/380

Dear Mr Huebner,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 26 January 2017 which was registered at the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Directorate-General of the European Commission on 26 January 2017, requesting access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L145, 31 May 2001, page 43 and following).

1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST

Your e-mail requested access to documents as follows:

"Any documents outlining industry support - staff time, money, expertise — for administrative, logistical, technical or political aspects of the comitology group "Technical Committee - Motor Vehicles" (Committee Code: C35300) by the European Automobile Manufacturer Association (ACEA) and/or its Member organisations and/or its associated associations (BMW Group, DAF Trucks, Daimler, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Ford of Europe, Opel Group, Hyundai Motor Europe, Iveco, Jaguar, Land Rover, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Renault, Toyota Motor Europe, Volkswagen Group, AB Volvo, Volvo Car Corporation, FFOE, FEBIAC, ACM, OEB, AIA, CCFA, VDA, AHAI, SIMI, ANFIA, Auto Asociacijas, LAA, RAI, PZPM, ACAP, ACAROM, ZAP SR, BIL Sweden, ANFAC, OSD, Auto-Suisse, SMMT). Please consider the request applicable during the previous 6 years (January 2011 to November 2017)".

As already communicated to you by the access to documents team, we have considered the period January 2011 - 26 January 2017 as the time frame for your request.

2. NO DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED

As background information, I would like to state that the "Technical Committee - Motor Vehicles" is a comitology committee which assists the Commission in executing its implementing powers by giving an opinion on draft measures before they are adopted. Such committees are composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.

All meetings of the Technical Committee - Motor Vehicles are organised exclusively on Commission premises, with all administrative, logistical, technical or political aspects support provided by Commission staff. There is no industry support for any aspects of the Technical Committee - Motor Vehicles.

Given the above, no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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.

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

3. MEANS OF REDRESS

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:

European Commission Secretary-General Transparency unit SG-B-4 BERL 5/327 B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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