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**Access to documents-GESTDEM 2013/1149 – Correspondence with Law firm
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Dear Mr Dohle,

We have well received your mail of e-mail of 15 May 2013 concerning your request to access to documents.

As asked by the Commission in the previous correspondence, you have specified your request indicating that: *"For the moment I am especially interested in all correspondence/notes about the revisions of the reports of Law Firm DBB, as requested by the Commission to reflect the agreed terms of reference in accordance with the financial regulations"*.

The Law Firm DBB is now being consulted by the Commission pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 4 of Regulation 1049 in order to know whether the following documents can be disclosed:

- letter of 28 January 2008 to DG JLS
- letter of 6 August 2008 to DG JLS
- e-mail of 21 January 2009 to DG JLS
- letter of 25 February 2009 to DG JLS
- e-mail of 25 February 2009 to /DG JLS
- letter of 25 March 2009 to /DG JLS
- letter of 25 May 2009 to -DG JLS
- letter of 8 June 2009 to -DG JLS

-letter of 15 July 2009 to DG JLS.

The following documents concerning the reports of DBB related to the study are originated by the Commission and are attached to this letter:

-letter 4 August 2009 DG JLS/DBB

-e-mail 7 July 2009 DG JLS/DBB

-letter 6 May 2009 DG JLS/DBB

-e-mail 6 March 2009 DG JLS/DBB

-e-mail 25 February 2009 DG JLS/DBB

-letter 23 February 2009 DG JLS/DBB

-e-mail 21 January 2009 DG JLS/DBB

Concerning the second part of your e-mail of 15 May: *"Also, I would like to receive the request by several Members of the European Parliament as well as a number of complaints from citizens and associations about practical difficulties faced in intra-EU adoptions, to which this study was a follow-up"*.

We are of the opinion that this has to be considered a new request; therefore it should be handled separately under another registration number. You may want to use the "Ask the EU" website in order to post a new request and have a new e-mail address to which the Commission's reply can be sent.

Furthermore, concerning the request of correspondence received by the Commission both from Members of the European Parliament and citizens/associations, we ask you to specify, in your new request, the timeframe you are interested in. You also should be aware that citizens/associations will have to be consulted one by one in order to get their consent to the disclosure of their correspondence and this could delay the Commission's reply. The deadline to reply to this additional request will start when we will receive more details enabling us to focus the research in our archives.

Yours sincerely,



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