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***By registered letter with  
acknowledgment of receipt***

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Dear Ms Douo,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref. GestDem No 2017/5222**

We refer to your email dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in which you make a request for access to documents. This was registered on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 after having received your postal address under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to documents as follows:

*"All correspondence since September 2016, including emails, agendas, records of meetings, minutes of meetings, participants lists and any other reports of such meetings involving officials/representatives/Commissioner/cabinet member DG GROW about the international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights being currently negotiated in the Human Rights council of the United Nations."*

We regret to inform you that DG GROW does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application additional to those referred to by Gabriele Visentin, the European External Action Service, in his reply to you on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Indeed, 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 the Commission does not hold any additional such documents corresponding to the description given in your application, we have nothing further to add to what the EEAS has already sent you.

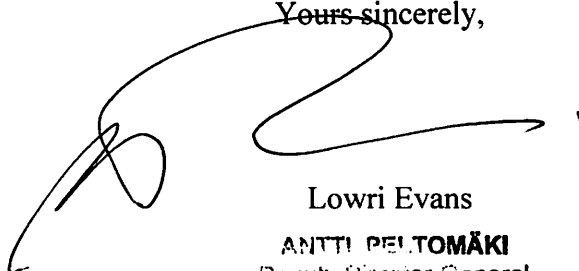
In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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 5/282  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal stroke that curves upwards and then downwards.

Lowri Evans

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