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Mr Arun Dohle

Dear Mr Dohle

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 20176758

We refer to your email dated 6 November 2017 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 9 November 2017 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns approximately a thousand documents, primarily emails exchanged with individuals and the contractor concerning the organisation of the side event on pathways and vulnerabilities of children concerned by deprivation of liberty which took place on 6 and 7 November 2017, all of which need to be assessed individually. The handling of your request involves the assessment of documents from third parties. The analysis of these documents, together with the need to consult the third parties, in accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001, cannot be expected to be completed within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of Regulation 1049/2001 due to the high workload implied.

However, the Regulation also provides for a possibility to confer with applicants in order to find a fair solution when an application concerns a very large number of documents. Article 6(3) provides that "in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution".

Based on this provision, we would kindly ask you whether you could narrow down the scope of your request so as to reduce it to a more manageable amount of documents. A large number of them concern simply the organisational and logistical aspects. For example, email exchanges with the contractor concerning the logistics for the side event, and email exchanges with speakers and potential participants concerning their participation at the side event may not be relevant. Other documents will not have much content after the expunction of personal data.

Having a clearer idea of the elements you are looking for with your application may help us to better meet your needs. If that is not possible and if you maintain your request for access to all documents concerned by your application, we propose to handle your application in successive stages. If you accept this proposal, you could indicate an order of priority, which we will follow as much as possible in handling your application. You will receive, at regular

intervals, batches of documents which have been cleared for release or a reasoned reply explaining why some documents cannot be disclosed.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, you can contact us:

• by email: just-forum-xxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxxxx

Yours sincerely

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