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Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 of the TEU

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Subject: Your request registered under *Gestdem* reference No 2018/1847

Dear Mr Thompson,

We refer to your e-mail dated 28/03/2018, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You requested: *"Correspondence (including emails), which refer to Brexit/Britain's membership of the EU internal market or customs union, between Commission officials or representatives and any official or representative (elected or otherwise) of the UK Labour Party, since July 2016."*

In addition to the documents that we sent you in reply to your previous requests (on 18 January and 12 April 2018) we identified the following documents falling within the scope of your application:

¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

- Letter from Barry Gardiner, MP, to Michel Barnier, 22 August 2016;
- Correspondence between the office of Jeremy Corbyn and the office of Michel Barnier, June 2017.

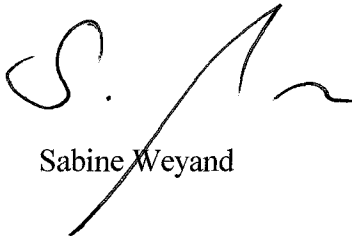
After consultation of third parties in accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001, wide partial access is granted to both documents, subject to the redaction of biometric data (i.e. handwritten text and signature in the first document) and personal data (i.e. the names of the officials who do not occupy any senior management position in the second document) on the basis of the exception of Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001 related to the protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual.

In case you would disagree with this assessment, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to introduce 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:

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Yours sincerely,



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