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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2018/2027**

Dear Mr Flanagan,

I refer to your e-mail of 29 May 2018, registered on 8 June 2018, through which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> ('Regulation 1049/2001').

In your initial application of 9 April 2018, addressed to the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, you requested access to:

- 'any document that relates to the assessment of applications submitted to the High Level Group on Fake News and Online Disinformation;
- any document that relates to the selection of the members of this High Level Expert Group;

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<sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

- all communication between Member States relating to this selection procedure;
- cover letters submitted by applicants for the High Level Group.’

As you did not receive any initial reply from the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology within the statutory deadlines, you submitted a confirmatory application on 29 May 2018, against the tacit refusal of access to the documents requested.

On 11 June 2018, the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology sent you an initial reply to your application, providing full access to 3 documents and refusing access to (parts of the) remaining documents. The refusal on the undisclosed (parts of the) documents is based on the exception of Article 4(1)(b) (protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual) of Regulation 1049/2001.

The reason for your confirmatory application was the absence of any initial reply. As the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology has in the meantime fully replied to your application, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application<sup>2</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Kröger  
Head of Unit

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<sup>2</sup> Without prejudice to your right to submit a new confirmatory application if you do not agree with the position of the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, as reflected in its reply of 11 June 2018.