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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. GestDem No 2018/2254

Dear Ms Verheecke,

I refer to your application of 23 April 2018 in which you make a request for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹ (“Regulation 1049/2001”). Your request was registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number.

You would like to receive access to:

- *A report of the Tenth meeting of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access*
- *A list of participants in the Tenth meeting of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access*
- *The date and agenda of the Eleventh meeting of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access*

Please note that the meeting of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access took place on the 26 April 2018, few days after your request has been filed. Therefore, no documents existed at the moment of your request. Nonetheless, knowing that the documents in question would be created, we decided to wait until the documents in question were finalised before providing you with a response.

To begin with, let me inform you that the EU and Canada have not yet decided on the date for the next meeting of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access, nor

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

have they initiated discussions on the next meeting's agenda. Once the date and/or the agenda will be agreed it will be published on CETA transparency page on DG Trade website².

As regards the list of participants you have requested, I am in a position to confirm that the meeting was a government to government meeting, on the EU side the officials from DG SANTE, DG TRADE, European Food Safety Authority and the EU Delegation in Ottawa were part of the EU delegation. On the Canadian side officials from Global Affairs Canada, the Mission of Canada to the European Union, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Health Canada and Canadian Food Inspection Agency were part of Canadian delegation.

DG Trade has identified two documents falling within the scope of your request:

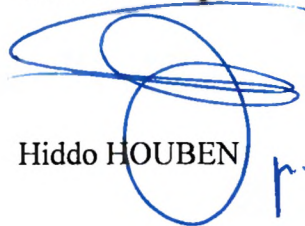
- Joint minutes of the meeting for of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access (26 April 2018) (Ares(2018)4054854); and
- Report of the meeting of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access (26 April 2018).

Please note that the Report of the meeting for the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access (26 April 2018) has been made publicly available. You can find it here: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1811>.

As regards the Joint minutes of the meeting for of the Canada-EU Dialogue on Biotech Market Access (26 April 2018), I am pleased to grant you full access. You will find a copy of the document enclosed to this letter.

You may re-use the documents requested free of charge for non-commercial and commercial purposes provided that the source is acknowledged, that you do not distort the original meaning or message of the documents. Please note that the Commission does not assume liability stemming from the re-use.

Yours sincerely,


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² <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1811>