



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels,

By registered mail:

Ms Lise Witteman
Follow the money
Gedempt Hamerkanaal 145
1021 KP Amsterdam
The Netherlands

By e-mail:

ask+request-6085-5c26f5b6@asktheeu.org

Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2018/5753

Dear Ms Witteman,

I refer to your e-mail of 18 December 2018, registered on 9 January 2019, 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 documents¹ ('Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

In your initial application of 2 November 2018, addressed to the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, you requested access to:

- 'a list of all meetings held by DG FISMA with representatives of Philips since 1 January 2011, relating to (possible) EU-investments in Africa such as the development of the External Investment Plan and Trust Funds;
- E-mails, minutes and reports relating to those meetings.'

As you did not receive any initial reply from the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development within the statutory deadlines, you submitted a confirmatory application on 18 December 2018, against the tacit refusal of access to the documents requested.

¹ Official Journal L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

On 18 January 2019, the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development sent you an initial reply to your application, providing the requested list of meetings and phone calls for the period from 1 January 2011 to 2 November 2018 and full access to the identified document.

The reason for your confirmatory application was the absence of any initial reply. As the Directorate-General International Cooperation and Development has in the meantime fully replied to your application, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application².

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés
Head of Unit

² Without prejudice to your right to submit a new confirmatory application if you do not agree with the position of the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, as reflected in its reply of 18 January 2019.