EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

The Director-General

Brussels,

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By registered letter

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/1039

Dear Mr Teffer,

I refer to your application dated 31 January 2019¹, attributed by the Secretariat General of the Commission to the Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (hereafter "DG NEAR") on 21 February 2019, and registered under the reference number GestDem 2019/1039².

In your application, you make a request for:

- "- A list of meetings with (representatives of) organisations and self-employed individuals held by commissioners Günther Oettinger, Cecilia Malmstrom, and Johannes Hahn at the World Economic Forum this year.
- All documents including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, e-mails, and presentations related to those meetings in Davos."

On behalf of the Cabinet of Commissioner Hahn, I wish to inform that Cabinet Hahn and DG NEAR do not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Commissioner Hahn only held meetings with representatives of Governments in Davos, in addition to participating in a number of panels organized by

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¹ Ref. Ares (2019)1098434

² Ref. Ares (2019)1099211

the World Economic Forum. As Commissioner Hahn did not have any bilateral meetings with (representatives) of organisations and self-employed individuals, nor with any representatives from the private sector, no documents have been drafted for these purposes.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001³, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application have been identified for this request, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review its 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,

[e-signed] Christian Danielsson

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³ Official Journal L 345 of 29.12.2001, p. 94