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Subject: *Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/0593*

Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your request dated 31/01/2019 in which you make an application for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to 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 in Davos this year, as well as all documents related to those meetings.

Please note that due to the scope of your application, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of it have been attributed to other Directorates-General, under the references as follows: GestDem 2019/0594: DG TRADE.

This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for the Budget (DG BUDG). You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

We regret to inform you that DG BUDG does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Commissioner Oettinger has not scheduled any meetings with (representatives of) organisations and self-employed individuals at the World Economic Forum. Therefore, no documents were found related

to those meetings. Commissioner Oettinger participated in a number of panels organised by the World Economic Forum and only held meetings with representatives of governments.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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, are held by DG BUDG, DG BUDG is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Bruxelles
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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gert Jan Koopman', written over a horizontal line.

Gert Jan KOOPMAN