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BY EMAIL AND REGISTERED MAIL WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Subject: Request for access to documents

Ref.: Your request of 27 February 2019 registered under reference GestDem 2019/1146

Dear Ms Martí,

I refer to your application mentioned above, addressed to the Secretariat General of the European Commission, by which you request access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹. Your request concerns “[...] any document or information related to the preparation of the Commission Decision of 25 November 2014 on the publication of information on meetings held between Members of the commission and organizations or self-employed individuals”.²

As you were informed, your request has been split into two separated parts: the part to be dealt with by the Secretariat General (request reference GestDem 2019/1174) and the part to be dealt with by the Legal Service (request reference GestDem 2019/1146). The present reply concerns the part under the responsibility of the Legal Service. I understand that the Secretariat General has already sent you the documents in its possession.

In response to your request, I would like to inform you that the Legal Service has not identified any document originating from it matching the terms of your request.

Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 states that “[t]his Regulation shall apply to all documents held by an institution, that is to say, documents drawn up or received by it and in its possession, in all areas of activity of the European Union”. Since the Legal Service does not hold any document corresponding to the description given in your application, it is not in a position to fulfil your request.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L145, 31.05.2001, page 43).

² COM(2014)9051 final.

Please note that the Commission Decision of 25 November 2014 follows the commitment to transparency of the President of the Commission in the *Political Guidelines of 15 July 2014* (point 10), publicly available on the Europa website³ and in the *Communication from the President to the Commission of 11 November 2014 on the Working Methods of the European Commission 2014-2019* (point 5), also publicly available on the Register of Commission documents⁴.

Should you contest the position on the non-identification of documents, you should present in writing, within fifteen working days from receipt of this letter, a confirmatory application to the Commission's Secretary-General to the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 5/282
B-1049 Bruxelles
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

The Secretary General will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the date of registration of your request.

Yours sincerely,



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³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/president-junckers-political-guidelines_en

⁴ <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/index.cfm?fuseaction=search&language=en>