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Dear Mr Teffer,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents -- Ref GestDem No 2019/2514**

We refer to your e-mail dated 26 April 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *“All letters, e-mails, papers, and presentations from the French government arguing in favour of a European carbon border tax, or other carbon pricing measures, as well as any minutes, records or e-mails summarising the French position about such measures, since 1 September 2017”.*

We regret to inform you that DG Taxation and Customs Union does not hold documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

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. There is no obligation under the said Regulation to create new documents if they do not exist.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG Taxation and Customs Union, we are not in a position to handle 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.

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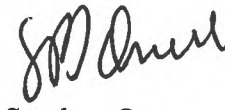
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Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,



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