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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/2701

Dear Ms. Verheecke,

We refer to your e-mail dated 07/05/2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 08/05/2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We understand from your request that you would like access to “the list of meetings and encounters in Brussels and elsewhere, email exchanges and phone conversations between representatives of DG Trade and representatives of the European Court of Justice between 7th September 2017 and today on Opinion 1/17”.

The Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

There were no contacts of any kind between representatives of the Directorate General for Trade (DG TRADE) and representatives of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the case *Avis 1/17 – Accord ECG UE-Canada* (Opinion 1/17) in that timeframe. The Commission does not have such contacts concerning proceedings pending before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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 the Commission the Commission is 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 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:

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Yours faithfully,

Jean-Luc DEMARTY
Director General