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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Advance copy by email:

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GestDem 2019/7212

Dear Mr. Carbone,

We refer to your e-mail of 3 December 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12 December 2019 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to the documents concerning the meeting of 21/11/2019 between ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical (EMPC) and Cabinet member Riccardo Maggi, of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans' cabinet.

Your application concerns one document with reference Ares(2020)744987.

A complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. The document contains names and contact details of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management, and names and information relating to other identifiable natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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

Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'

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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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