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Dear Mr Harmsen.

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4058

We refer to your e-mail dated 6 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on that same date under the abovementioned reference number.

Your request concerns all correspondence, agendas, minutes of meetings and phone calls, and other reports of communications where the active substance glyphosate was discussed/mentioned between officials of the Secretariat General (including the President of the European Commission and his Cabinet members) and representatives or officials of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the European Food Safety Authority between 1 September 2014 and 29 February 2016.

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

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 of 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 sincerely,

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