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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4319**

Dear Mr Haar,

We refer to your e-mail dated 15 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*“A list of meetings between representatives for BusinessEurope and/or the European Roundtable for Industry AND Commissioners Dombrovskis, Hahn, Breton, Sefovic, Timmermans and von der Leyen and/or their cabinets.*

*- Minutes of meetings between representatives for BusinessEurope and/or the European Roundtable for Industry AND Commissioners Dombrovskis, Hahn, Breton, Sefovic, Timmermans and von der Leyen and/or their cabinets.*

*- Any written communication, including emails and any document exchanged between representatives for BusinessEurope and/or the European Roundtable for Industry for AFME AND Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis and his cabinet as well as DG FISMA.”*

We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application. Please note that this reply relates only to the documents concerning DG GROW portfolio held by the Cabinet of Thierry Breton.

As to the list of meetings held between Commission Breton and representatives of Business Europe and the European Roundtable for Industry, please note that the following 3 meetings took place since 1 March 2020:

1. Videoconference with Business Europe on 5 June 2020 – speech by Commissioner Breton on actions to strengthen key industrial value chains and ecosystems in the EU recovery plan;
2. Teleconference with European Round Table for Industry on 26 March 2020 on COVID-19 and its impact on industry;
3. Meeting with Business Europe on 11 March 2020 on COVID-19 and Industrial strategy.

In view of the above, we have identified 1 document as falling within the scope of your request concerning the meeting listed under no. 2 above.

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the identified document may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the documents have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by 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 documents contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact details of natural persons of external companies.

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:

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Secretariat-General

Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

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(e-signed)

Enclosure: 1 Annex