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Dear Mr Haar,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4318

We refer to your e-mail of 15 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date 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, Sefcovic, 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, Sefcovic, 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.*

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 15 July 2020.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General¹. This reply relates only to the documents held by Commissioner Hahn and his cabinet. You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

Your application concerns the following document:

¹ GESTDEM 2020/4315 – SG.E2; GESTDEM 2020/4316 – FISMA; GESTDEM 2020/4319 – GROW; GESTDEM 2020/4320 – CLIMA

- Document 1: Ares(2020)2350357
 - o Email of 04/05/2020 from BusinessEurope requesting a teleconference with Commissioner Hahn;
 - o Follow-up email of 17/06/2020 from BusinessEurope requesting a teleconference with Commissioner Hahn.

With regard to the document listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified document 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, because it contains the following personal data:

- the names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (i.e. job title).

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'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels,

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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