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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4829**

Dear Mr ELLIOT,

We refer to your e-mail of 10 August 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13 August 2020 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*“All documents (including but not limited to minutes, participant lists, agenda, presentations) relating to meetings between Mr Didier Reynders and/or other members of DG Justice and members of the automotive industry, leather industry or timber industry (either representatives from individual companies or representatives of industry associations and lobby firms representing these industries), where the subject of the cross-sectoral Due Diligence law was discussed, between Jan 2019-present.”*

We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 13 August 2020.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would 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 upon 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  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

According to standard operational procedure, the reply to a request for access to documents is usually sent by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 pandemic, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to [JUST-ACCES-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JUST-ACCES-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,

*(e-signed)*  
Ana GALLEGO