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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4877

Dear Mr Carvalho,

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 17/08/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- 1) A list of all meetings between the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) and staff/officials of DG Environment between Jan 2019-present*
- 2) All documents (including but not limited to minutes, participant lists, agenda, presentations) between Jan 2019-present relating to meetings and/or communications between the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) and staff/officials of DG Environment, pertaining to the proposed cross-sectoral supply chain Due Diligence obligations in relations to human rights and environmental impacts.*
- 3) All documents (including but not limited to minutes, participant lists, agenda, presentations) between Jan 2019-present relating to meetings and/or communications between the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) and staff/officials of DG Environment, pertaining to the EC Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests, and/or the possible development of demand-side legislative measures in the context of the Communication.*

We can confirm that DG ENV officials directly involved in the work on forests did never meet or communicate with the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), including in the framework of the Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests, and/or the possible development of demand-side legislative measures in the context of the Communication.

DG ENV officials working on other files have had several meetings with ACEA in the period since January 2019, as per question 1) in your request. These are listed below:

Virtual meeting DG ENV- ACEA on 09.06.2020

The meeting was organized on the initiative of ACEA and attended by DG ENV. E-mail asking for a meeting and outlining the topics to be discussed is attached.

The discussion focused on the impact of COVID-19 on the automotive industry. There was no discussion on the EC Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests or pertaining to the proposed cross-sectoral supply chain Due Diligence obligations in relations to human rights and environmental impacts.

Virtual meeting on post-EURO 6 with ACEA and CLOVE consortium on 10.09.2019.

The meeting with ACEA was organized by DG GROW and CLOVE consortium, attended by DG ENV, in the context of discussions with various stakeholders in the preparation of post-Euro 6 emissions standards. There was no discussion on the EC Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests or pertaining to the proposed cross-sectoral supply chain Due Diligence obligations in relations to human rights and environmental impacts.

Meeting with ACEA on WLTP on 19.06.2019.

The meeting was organized by DG GROW, attended by DG ENV, on the topic of the clarifications on the WLTP (*Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure*). There was no discussion on the EC Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests or pertaining to the proposed cross-sectoral supply chain Due Diligence obligations in relations to human rights and environmental impacts.

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Please also note that due to the current situation, we are sending this letter and copies of the documents in electronic format only to your email address. We would like to ask you to acknowledge the receipt of this response by return email to ENV-AIR@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

(electronically signed)

François Wakenhut

Enclosures: Meeting request email from ACEA to ENV_ 09/06/2020

