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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2020/5416 and 5426

Dear Mr Merino

I refer to your e-mail of 11 November 2020, registered on the same day, in which you submitted a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 14 September 2020 in which you requested access to documents related to, I quote, ‘the decision of reaching a first agreement with the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca to purchase a potential vaccine against COVID-19’ as well as ‘documents reflecting the output/conclusions or drawn up after the exploratory talks with Sanofi-GSK, Johnson & Johnson, CureVac and Moderna’.

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety and subsequently to the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 11 November 2020.

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

The initial reply was handled in several batches. The Secretariat-General was informed that the final batch with documents falling within the scope of your request has been sent to you on 14 April 2022.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply.

Yours sincerely,

Mariusz Daca
Deputy Head of Unit