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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/6033**

Dear Ms. Roxburgh,

I refer to your email dated 6 October 2020, registered on 9 October, in which you make a request for access to documents, under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns: *‘All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting listed below: Between Camilla Bursi, Cabinet member of Virginijus Sinkevičius and Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner on 20th May 2020’.*

Four documents have been identified in the scope of your request:

1. Eurelectric letter of 4 December 2019 requesting a meeting, sent by a mail of the following day - document Ares (2019) 7543037;
2. Reply from the Cabinet of 25 February 2020 - document Ares(2020) 1183773;
3. Correspondence to re-arrange the physical meeting into a virtual one, due to the Covid - document Ares (2020)5998698;
4. The meeting report drafted - document Ares (2020)5999508.

With regard to these documents, a complete disclosure 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 they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact details of natural persons;
- handwritten signature.

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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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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

Robert Konrad  
Head of Unit

Enclosures:      Reply of 25 02 2020  
                         Letter Eurelectric of 04 12 2019  
                         Meeting Report -20 05 2020.pdf  
                         Correspondence to re-arrange the meeting.pdf