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Dear Mr Teffer,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/6282

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 October 2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“All documents - including but not limited to minutes, (hand-written) notes, audio recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, e-mails, and presentations - related to the following meetings with Better Finance and Finance Watch (in reverse chronological order):

28/05/2020 Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President & Andrea Beltramello, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis (Better Finance & Finance Watch)

18/11/2019 Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President Andrea Beltramello, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis (Better Finance)

26/09/2019 Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President Andrea Beltramello, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis (Finance Watch)

29/08/2018 Olivier Guersent, Director-General (Better Finance)

08/03/2018 Elina Melngaile, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis (Better Finance)

23/05/2017 Elina Melngaile, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis (Finance Watch)

12/12/2016 Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President (Better Finance)

22/04/2016 Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President Jan Ceyssens, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis Euro and Social Dialogue, (Finance Watch)

03/02/2016 Jan Ceyssens, Cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis (Finance Watch)

03/02/2016 Olivier Guersent, Director-General (Finance Watch)

14/01/2016 Olivier Guersent, Director-General (Finance Watch)

25/09/2015 Jonathan Hill, Commissioner (Better Finance)

23/07/2015 Jack Schickler, Cabinet member of Jonathan Hill (Finance Watch)

28/04/2015 Nathalie De Basaldua Lemarchand, Cabinet member of Jonathan Hill (Better Finance)

13/02/2015 Denzil Davidson, Cabinet member of Jonathan Hill (Better Finance)''.

We have found 14 documents being under the scope of your request. You can find them listed in the annex to this letter.

A complete disclosure of the identified documents 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 names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management and the names and contact details of other natural persons.

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 put forward 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 their personal data.

As regards the document 6 on the list, the first part of it is considered to be out of scope of your request. Its content is not directly related to the meeting in question and therefore it has been redacted.

Please also note that some of the documents disclosed are minutes or summary records of meetings with external parties. They were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant services of the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union. They solely reflect the service's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties, to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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 faithfully,

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Enclosures: List of documents and 14 redacted documents.