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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/2954

Dear Sir,

We refer to your e-mail of 5 May 2021 addressed to the Secretariat General of the European Commission in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to access to documents which contain the following information:

1) Evidence of meetings between the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) - including Head, Advisors, Directors, and Deputies - and Italian private sector stakeholders.

I am requesting evidence of such meetings, be they bilateral or multilateral.

For each meeting, I am requesting access to the documents containing the following information:

- date of the meeting
- all individuals attending the meeting and their organizational or institutional affiliation

Should such meeting include both private sector and institutional stakeholders (e.g. national government representatives), I am requesting the above-mentioned information about all parties.

2) Correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Recovery and Resilience Task Force (RECOVER) - including Head, Advisors, Directors, and Deputies - and Italian private sector stakeholders.

To avoid any misunderstandings, I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 5 May 2021.

The lists of documents falling within the scope of your application are in Annex 1 and 2.

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Following an examination of the **documents included in Annex 1**, under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I regret to inform you that your application cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in the 1st indent of Article 4(2).

More specifically, **Annex 1** enlists correspondence that includes third-party document requesting general clarifications on the functioning of the Recovery and Resilience Fund where disclosure would undermine the protection of commercial interests of a legal person.

I have also examined the possibility of granting partial access to document included in Annex 1, in accordance with Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, expunging the confidential information would make the documents meaningless or illegible.

I provide you partial access to documents included in Annex 2 expunging the confidential information. 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 1049/2001, because they contain personal data (such as names and functions of Commission staff below senior management positions, or third-party personal data).

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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

Eric VON BRESKA (e-signed)

Enclosures: Annexes 1 and 2