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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3284

Dear Ms Cox,

We refer to your e-mail dated 19 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 19 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

1. Scope of your request and identification of the concerned documents

You request access to “*All documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes (hand written or electronic), notes (hand written or electronic), meeting conclusions, audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the Pact for Skills Roundtable, meeting on 18 February 2021 attended by Agnieszka Skonieczna and Eszter Batta (Cabinet of Thierry Beton) and representatives of the Agri-food industry (Food Drink Europe, Suedzucker AG, Nestlé, CEMA, CLITRAVI, CEFS, AgriFood LT, EFFAT, FIAB, CEJA, Unilever, COPA and Federalimentare).*”

We have identified the enclosed 2 documents falling within the scope of your request.

Please note that the document entitled “*Report of the roundtable for skills in the agri-food sector*” is also available online at the following link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=23768&langId=en>

2. Partial disclosure of identified document

A complete disclosure of the document “*CAB BRETON 698 - Briefing Agri-food Pact for Skills*” 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:

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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 the personal data concerned.

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3. Means of redress

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
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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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