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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/5194**

Dear Ms Knaebel,

We refer to your e-mail of 20 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 21 May 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your request, you ask “*all documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, and minutes/notes) relating to the following meeting: Commissioner Thierry Breton/ Pauline Weinzierl, 28/04/2020, Videoconference, American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU), Influence of the pandemic crisis on business in Europe and globally*”.

### **1. Identification and assessment of the concerned documents**

We have identified the enclosed 11 documents falling within the scope of your request as listed in the attached document register.

Having examined the documents requested on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I have come to the conclusion that they may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the documents have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of the Regulation. Parts of document 6 have also been blanked as they are elements out of the scope.

### **2. Reasons for partial access - Protection of personal data**

Protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data, Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

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 following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person such as office and phone numbers.

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 express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, we 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 mentioned above, 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.

Therefore, partial access is granted to the requested documents, expunged of personal data.

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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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Sincerely yours,

*(e-signed)*

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