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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/4878**

Dear Ms Cox,

We refer to your e-mail of 4 August 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 04 August 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documents related to the meeting on 15 July 2021 between Christiane Canenbley and Werner Stengg and Deutscher Industrie- und Handelskammertag.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- *Ares(2021)4082065 : “Anfrage praxisorientierter Austausch zu Auswirkungen der geplanten Due Diligence-Gesetzgebung mit Unternehmen”, email exchange of 23 June 2021*
- *Ares(2021)5252435 : Minutes of the Meeting between Cabinet of Executive-Vice President Vestager and Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer (DIHK), 15 July 2021*

Full disclosure of these 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 personal data.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow transmitting these personal data, except if you prove that this is necessary 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 put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, 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.

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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:

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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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