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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/1743**

Dear Ms Balanya,

We refer to your e-mail of 23 March 2022, registered on 24 March 2022, in which you make a request for access to documents under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*“1- all correspondence (including email, SMS, private twitter and WhatsApp) since 1st July 2021 between Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Timmermans, Commissioner Breton, President van der Leyen, and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, DG Clima, DG Grow and/or Secretariat General on one hand and representatives from Total, Shell, BP, Equinor, Eni, Repsol, BusinessEurope, Eurogas, Hydrogen Europe, International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), IOGP, ZEP (European Technology Forum for Zero Emissions Fossil Fuel Power Plants) and/or the Global CCS Institute, in which sustainable carbon cycles and/or certification of carbon removals were discussed.*

*2 - list of meetings since since 1st July 2021 between Commissioner Simson, Commissioner Timmermans, Commissioner Breton, President van der Leyen, and/or their cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy, DG Clima, DG Grow and/or Secretariat General on one hand and representatives from Total, Shell, BP, Equinor, Eni, BusinessEurope, Eurogas, Hydrogen Europe, International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), IOGP, ZEP (European Technology Forum for Zero Emissions Fossil Fuel Power Plants) and/or the Global CCS Institute, in which sustainable carbon cycles and/or certification of carbon removals were discussed.*

*3 - minutes of the meetings mentioned above”*

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG

GROW). You received /will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

We regret to inform you that DG GROW does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by DG GROW, DG GROW is not in a position to fulfil your request.

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](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

*Electronically signed*

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