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Dear Ms Hirst,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/0094

We refer to your request for access to documents on 7 January 2022, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to “*All documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on 2021-12-02 between Christiane Canenbley and Werner Stengg and Google*”.

We have identified the following documents responsive to your request:

1. *E-mail exchange leading to the 2 December 2021 meeting*
2. *Minutes of the 2 December 2021 meeting between the Cabinet of EVP Vestager and Google representatives*
3. *Follow-up letter from Google*
4. *A follow-up e-mail from Google transmitting the follow-up letter*

The full disclosure of the identified documents as listed above 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 (Regulation 2018/1725) 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 neither 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.

The minutes of the meeting were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of their author. The document solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third party to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Moreover, some parts of the document under point 3 have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by the exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 as they contain commercially sensitive business information of the company that submitted it.

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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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

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: disclosed documents