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Dear Mr Pace,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/1715

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

In particular, 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 March 16 between Filip Alexandru Negreanu Arboreanu and ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical”*.

We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 23 March 2022.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. The reason for this is that there were no documents exchanged prior or during this meeting.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereinafter ‘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.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

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

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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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The COVID-19 outbreak undoubtedly has an impact on the process of handling access to documents requests under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Given large-scale teleworking of the Commission services, all replies, which should normally be sent via registered post, currently are sent only by e-mail. In this regard, we kindly ask you to confirm receipt of this email.

Yours Sincerely,

Henrik HOLOLEI
Director-General