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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/2355**

Dear Mr Pace,

We refer to your e-mail dated 14 April 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26 April 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested 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 31 between Frans Timmermans and Vattenfall*”.

Please note that the meeting requested consisted in a public signing ceremony, where Vattenfall and the Executive Vice-President Timmermans attended together with the rest of participants. There was no specific meeting besides the ceremony event.

DG CLIMA has identified one document within the scope of the application.

Following an examination of the document under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of the identified document 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 it contains: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names of other natural persons and other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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, I 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 document, 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.

This document was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials of the Directorate-General for Climate Action. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Please note that the document contained information that did not fall under the scope of the request. All this information has been blanked out.

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

Yours sincerely,

(electronically signed)

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