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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GestDem 2022/3808

Dear Mr Stolton,

We refer to your email of 4 July 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents pursuant to 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 (hereinafter ‘Regulation 1049/2001’), registered on 7 July 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

1. SCOPE OF YOUR APPLICATION

By your application, you request access to the following:

‘All documentation (including but not limited to: general communications of any nature, written material of any kind, email correspondences, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, briefing papers, transcriptions of meetings, readouts of meetings, summaries of meetings, briefings for meetings, etc) concerning Commissioner Breton's meeting with France's Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire on Monday 4 July 2022.’

2. DOCUMENTS FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE REQUEST

We identified the following document as falling within the scope of your request:

- Email correspondence ‘Access to documents Ref GestDem 2022/3808’,
(Document)

3. ASSESSMENT UNDER REGULATION 1049/2001

Following an examination of the identified document under the provisions of Regulation 1049/2001, we have arrived at the conclusion that partial access can be granted to the document identified. Full disclosure is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) Regulation 1049/2001, since the document contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation¹ 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) Regulation 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested 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.

4. REUSE OF DOCUMENTS

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5. CONFIRMATORY APPLICATION

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.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p/39.

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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Enclosure: (1)