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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/5918

Dear Mr Spekschoor,

We refer to your application of 18/10/2019, registered on the same day under the above mentioned reference number, by which you made a request pursuant to Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹.

You requested: *“All communication between the Netherlands and the Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom between 2016 and 2019.”*

We identified the following documents in relation to your application:

1. The letter from the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands dated 09/04/2018 (annex 1)
2. The reply from Mr Barnier’s office dated 12/04/2018 (annex 2).

After consultation of third parties in accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001, wide partial access is granted to the above listed documents, subject to the redaction of personal data (the name of the official who does not occupy any senior management position) on the basis of the exception of Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001 related to the protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual.

In addition, we would like to inform you that there were emails and telephone calls exchanged by the Members of the Task Force and the Dutch authorities concerning various logistical aspects of the bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister of the

¹ Official Journal L145 of 31.05.2001, p.43.

Netherlands, meetings with the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union as well as the meetings with the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate.

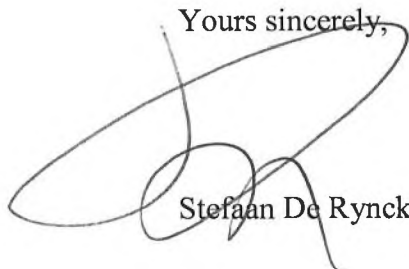
Nonetheless, in line with the document management policy of the European Commission, such exchanges, which exclusively deal with practical arrangements of the organisation of meetings, are not recorded and maintained in the corporate system of registration of documents. Hence, no additional document corresponding to the scope of your request could be found.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to introduce 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
BERL 7/076
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

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