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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2024/5323**

Dear Ms Da Silva,

I refer to your e-mail sent and registered on 8 October 2024 in which you make a request for access to documents under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request concerns *“the documents that supported President Von Der Leyen's statement in Dresden on Aug 20, 2024 that "the European Chips Act [...] already attracted commitments of public and private investments in the order of EUR 115 billion". In particular, I am requesting access to documents with the sources for this statement, including calculations or breakdowns of the investments committed by that point.”*

We identified the following document to fall within the scope of your application:

- SG-PDT-VP-35126\_President-ESMC-Dresden

Having examined the document requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that document may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the document have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4(1)(b), 4(2) and 4(3) of this Regulation.

Concerning Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, a complete disclosure of the identified document is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, because the document contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;

Additionally, 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.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, 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.

Furthermore, the exceptions laid down in Article 4(2) and 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the document. Where applicable the content of the document was examined to determine whether there could be an overriding public interest in disclosure, but we were not able to identify such an interest.

Concerning Article 4(2) and 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, redacted parts of the document contain:

- Passages of the briefing which go beyond the scope of the request such as, Information pertaining to the messages of the messages to be provided by President von der Leyen apart from the strange wording, I suggest deleting it or rewording it as would not allow the requestor to understand if she would have been entitled to the info, background information about the project being inaugurated, and an overview of semiconductor sector in Europe, all of which goes beyond the scope of this access to document request;
- commercially sensitive business information of the companies that submitted it;
- relates to State aid decisions which have not been adopted yet by the Commission;

In case you disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review its 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  
B-1049 Brussels  
or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

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Director  
(e-signed)

Annexes: 1 document.