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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Dear Ms Canonne,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/2207

We refer to your email dated 16/04/2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 22/04/2015 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application concerns documents relating to the meeting between Cécile Billaux, Member of the EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström's cabinet and DigitalEurope on 16 March 2015.

We have identified two documents, a meeting report and an e-mail that can be partially released. The expunged parts contain personal data, in particular names of the Commission staff members and DigitalEurope participants. The names have been withheld according to the protection of personal data as provided in Article 4.1 (b) of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Pursuant to Article 4.1 (b), access to a document or part of it has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data¹.

¹ OJ L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable². According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing the documents requested expunged from this personal data.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the expunged data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the rules of personal data protection, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/327
B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

Jean-Luc DEMARTY

² Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, ECR 2010 I-06055.