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Dear Mr Mialhes

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref EASE No 2024/0182

We refer to your request for access to documents, received on 11/01/2024 and registered on 11/01/2024 under the abovementioned reference number.

Your request concerns “*All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts and recordings) AND the meeting minutes/notes relating to: -the meeting between CONSEIL DE COOPERATION ECONOMIQUE and Anthony Whelan (Cabinet member) on 01-03-2023*”

We have identified the following documents responsive to your request:

1. Ares(2023)1611865 CCE Meeting on 01 03 2023 - List Participants_Redacted
2. Ares(2023)1611865 CCE Meeting on 01 03 2023 - Meeting request and list of participants_Redacted
3. Ares(2023)1612124 CCE - Critical Raw Materials - Consolidated Recommendations_Redacted
4. Ares(2023)2308239 minutes Cab VDL_CRMxA_Redacted

The documents falling into the scope of your request as explained above are enclosed. Please note that in line with Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, in the attached documents, all personal data has been redacted.

With regard to the documents listed above, a complete disclosure 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 the following personal data: (i) the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; (ii) the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons.

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 not 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 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.

Please note that access is granted to minutes of a meeting with external parties. This document was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant service of the Secretariat-General. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

In case you 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:

European Commission
Secretary-General Transparency unit SG-C.1
BERL 7/076
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

e-signed
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Enclosures: 4 documents