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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2022/0361

Dear Ms Holder,

We refer to your e-mail dated 14 January 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the 17 January 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to: "*All documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes, video recordings and email correspondence about or summarising, the video-call meeting between Helena Braun, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans, and ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical on the 26/04/2021*".

The Directorate General for Climate Action has identified one document that falls under the scope of the request.

Following an examination of the document under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of document 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 names of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management and contact details of other natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation 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) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the 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.

In case you would 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
Secretariat-General
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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Electronically signed on 02/03/2022 09:19 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121