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Dear Ms. Canonne

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2015/2572

Thank you for your request for access to documents under Regulation No 1049/2001¹ regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ('Regulation 1049/2001') registered on 5 May 2014.

In your request you ask for *'all communication, including emails, and documents (agenda, minutes, list of participants, etc) related to the meeting between Maria Åsenius and Nele Eichhorn on one hand and the Institute of Directors, which took place the 20th of April about TTIP / Business climate in general'*.

The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data, in particular: names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation 1049/2001, access to a document 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 data².

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

² 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 applicable³.

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

best wishes,



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³ 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.