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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/5637

Dear Ms Roxburgh,

I refer to your e-mail dated 22/09/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 23/09/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You will find enclosed the documents related to the meetings between Mr Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President of the Commission and IKEA on 23/01/2020. These are:

- Letter from Ikea - Ares(2019)6568872
- Letter from Ikea and Unilever - Ares(2019)6822473 –
- A reply letter by Executive Vice-President Timmermans - Ares(2020)158917
- Email exchange IKEA/Unilever and Cabinet Timmermans - Ares(2019)6995967
- Second email exchange IKEA/Unilever and Cabinet Timmermans - Ares(2019)7796041

Please note that the documents contain personal data that has been redacted according to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2018/1725¹) and to the internal rules of procedure of the Commission. As your request does not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, and does not establish the necessity to have the data transmitted, I conclude that access cannot be granted to these personal data.

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.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.

You should send any such confirmatory application within 15 working days of receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

John WATSON

Enclosure:

1. Email exchange IKEA/Unilever and Cabinet Timmermans - Ares(2019)6995967
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