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Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/1331

Dear Ms Gullery,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 27 February 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting listed below:

- 1. Between the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU) and Cabinet members of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Stefanie Hiesinger and Daniel Mes, on 01/02/21*
- 2. Between AmCham EU and Cabinet members of Commissioner Frans Timmermans: Daniel Mes, Riccardo Maggi, Anthony Agotha, and Diederik Samsom on 14/12/20*
- 3. Between AmCham EU and Cabinet member of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Diederik Samson, on 02/06/20*
- 4. Between AmCham EU and Cabinet member of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Daniel Mes, on 28/04/20*
- 5. Between AmCham EU and Director-General of Climate Action, Mauro Raffaele Petriccione, on 25/07/18*

Your application concerns the following documents:

	Title	Date	Reference
1	Meeting Mauro Petriccione and AmCham EU_25.07.2018_Briefing_redacted	08/08/2018	Ares(2018)4171804
2	Meeting request_CAB EVP and AmCham EU_02.06.2020_Redacted	24/01/2020	Ares(2020)468535
3	Meeting_CAB EVP and AmCham EU_02.06.2020_Congratulatory Letter_Redacted	13/01/2020	Ares(2020)197568
4	Meeting_CAB EVP and AmCham EU_02.06.2020_Agenda For Action	13/01/2020	Ares(2020)197568
5	Meeting request_CAB EVP and AmCham EU_28.04.2020_Redacted	21/02/2020	Ares(2020)1121985
6	Follow-up_CAB EVP and AmCham EU_28.04.2020_Redacted	21/02/2020	Ares(2020)1121985
7	Meeting request_ CAB EVP and AmCham EU_14.12.2020_Redacted	25/01/2021	Ares(2021)605707
8	Meeting request_CAB EVP and AmChamEU_Sustainable Aviation_01.02.2021_Redacted	19/02/2021	Ares(2021)1376278

With regard to the documents 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 listed above, a complete disclosure of the identified documents 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 they contain the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials/handwritten signatures 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 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 documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>