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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/1161

Dear Mr Youriev,

We refer to your e-mail dated 1 March 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 2 March 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to “*documents that contain the following information:*”

- i. *All correspondence, including emails, sent and received since 01/01/2019, between the Commissioner for Climate Action, his cabinet, his officials, and any other representatives of DG CLIMA, and representatives from International Airlines Group (IAG).*
- ii. *List of meetings, including the meeting’s minutes, since 01/01/2019, between officials and representatives of DG CLIMA and representatives from International Airlines Group (IAG).”*

Your application concerns the following documents:

	Author	Date	Reference
1	Edelman Brussels/ European Commission	20/12/2019	Ares(2021)653522
2	European Commission	30/01/2020	Ares(2020)733750

3	British Airways/ European Commission	31/01/2020	Ares(2021)2481182
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Since documents 1 and 3 originate from a third party, the originator of the documents have been consulted pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

Following an examination of documents under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents and taking into account the opinion of the third party, I regret to inform you that a complete disclosure of the 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: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names and contact details of other natural persons and other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

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 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 the list of meetings of the Director-General of DG CLIMA with organisations and self-employed individuals are available in the links enclosed below:

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=d41e42be-7ff1-4635-bb4f-e47d38f886ed>

As regards document 2, please note that it was drawn up for internal use. It solely reflect the author's interpretation of the interventions made and do not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which were not consulted on its content. They do not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*

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