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**By registered letter with acknowledgment
of receipt**

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Dear Ms Holder,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/1505

We refer to your e-mail dated 13/03/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 14/03/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

All documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising, the following meetings:

- 1. Between Shell Companies (Shell) and member of Commissioner Kadri Simson's Cabinet, Laure Chapuis-Kombos on 14/02/2020.*
- 2. Between Shell Companies (Shell) and member of Commissioner Kadri Simson's Cabinet, Kitti Nyitrai on 11/02/2020.*
- 3. Between Global CCS Institute Ltd (GCCSI) and member of Commissioner Kadri Simson's Cabinet, Laure Chapuis-Kombos on 12/01/2020.*

4. *Between Gazprom and members of Commissioner Kadri Simson's Cabinet, Stefano Grassi and Kitti Nyitrai on 09/01/2020.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

Ares reference	Date	Title	Author
Ares(2020)2228137	14/02/2020	Minutes of meeting with Shell	Cabinet Commissioner Simson
Ares(2020)1210499	11/02/2020	Minutes of meeting with Shell	Cabinet Commissioner Simson
Ares(2020)2227458	12/01/2020	Minutes of meeting with Global CCS Institute Ltd (GCCSI)	Cabinet Commissioner Simson
Ares(2020)1126946	09/01/2020	Minutes of meeting with Gazprom	Cabinet Commissioner Simson

I am glad to inform you that we can give you access to the four documents listed above, subject only to the redaction of personal data.

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 of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names 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.

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:

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Secretariat-General

Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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