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The Director-General

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Subject: Your application for access to documents Case 2023/3670

Dear Mr Münstermann,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 28/06/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

Minutes/protocols of the meetings of the following Cabinet members of Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski with the following organisations and/or self-employed individuals:

- *a) Joanna Stawowy with BASF SE Polskie Stowarzyszenie Ochrony Roślin (PSOR) on 23/06/2023 (subject: "Current legislative initiatives: Sustainable Use Directive and Farm to Fork; New Geonomic Techniques; Chemical Strategy for Sustainability and its impact on the food sector and agriculture")*
- *b) Maciej Golubiewski with Arla Foods amba (Arla) on 15/05/2023 in Brussels*
- *c) Andreas Schneider with Fertilizers Europe on 27/04/2023 in Brussels (subject: "Update on the situation of the European industry; Gas supply; Fertilizers imports from Russia and sanctions; Long-term strategy for the sector.")*
- *d) Jorge Pinto Antunes with Agora Energiewende on 18/04/2023 (subject: " The recent adoption of the Effort Sharing and LULUCF Regulations, both of which entail enhanced climate commitments with relevance for land-use and agriculture.")*
- *e) Jorge Pinto Antunes with Moët Hennessy on 29/03/2023 (subject: "Exchange on soil health and the European Green Deal.")*
- *f) Joanna Stawowy Jorge Pinto Antunes with Coöperatie Koninklijke Avebe U.A. (Avebe) Schuttelaar & Partners (S&P) on 06/03/2023 in Brussels (subject: "The European Green Deal and the EU Soil Health Strategy.")*

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We have identified 5 documents falling within the scope of your request. You will find enclosed a list of the documents identified, as well as redacted copies of the aforementioned documents.

Regarding documents mentioned above, a complete disclosure of them 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:

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- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons.

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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.

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I. No documents held

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not have any documents corresponding to the description in your application under point e) - *minutes/protocols between Jorge Pinto Antunes with Moët Hennessy on 29/03/2023 (subject: "Exchange on soil health and the European Green Deal.")*, as no minutes were taken during that meeting.

⁽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, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that the Commission holds no documents corresponding to the description given in the aforementioned part of your application, we are not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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 do this in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal account ⁽²⁾ (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by post to:

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Enclosure: 5 documents

⁽²⁾ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>