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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2021/8084

Dear Ms Indiano,

I refer to your e-mail of 9 February 2022, registered on the same day, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 13 December 2021 in which you requested, I quote: ‘documents which contain the following information:

For the period between 2019 to date:

1. a list of all meetings and/or calls between the Directorate-General for Climate Action and the GD4S lobby group, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, during which projects on synthetic fuels and/or projects on hydrogen were discussed.

The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed; all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls; all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings issued both in preparation and after the meetings took place; all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Directorate-General for Climate

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Action including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and GD4S lobby group discussing “synthetic fuel” and/or “hydrogen ”.

2. all documents sent by the GD4S lobby group to the DG Climate Action related to their synthetic fuel projects and/or their hydrogen projects.’

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Climate Action. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 9 February 2022.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 28 February 2022. In its reply, the Directorate-General for Climate Action granted you partial access to the documents identified as falling into the scope of your request, subject to redactions based on the exception laid down in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual.

Against this background, the European Commission’s Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 28 February 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Head of Unit