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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/5145

Dear Mr Van Veenendaal,

We refer to your mail of 20 August 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above mentioned reference number.

1. Scope of your request

You request access to the following document: Ares(2021)4931537.

2. Identification and assessment

Having examined the document identified above, we come to following conclusion:

- partial access can be granted to it as its full disclosure is prevented by an exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of the Regulation (EC)1049/2001¹.

We enclose a copy of the document identified above redacted of the parts which cannot be disclosed as further explained below.

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3. Partial disclosure of documents

Protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data – Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

With regard to the document identified above, a complete disclosure 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 it contains the following personal data:

- the initials and contact information 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 argument 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 document, 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 accordance with the above mentioned, partial access is granted to the document above identified, expunged of personal data.

4. Means of redress

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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)

BERL 7/076

B-1049 Brussels

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Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

Andrea Gavinelli

Annex: Ares(2021)4931537