

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Director-General

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Subject: Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2768.

Dear Ms Deleja-Hotko,

We refer to your e-mail of 12 May 2022 in which you made a request for access to documents, registered on 16 May 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number. We also refer to our e-mail of 08/06/2022 through which the time limit for handling your application has been extended by 15 working days, in accordance with article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA). You received/will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

In light of your request, we have identified the internal notes on the following meetings:

- 7 Sep 2016 Meeting of Commissioner Neven Mimica and ICMPD (Ares/4679742)
- 4 Jun 2020 Meeting of Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen and ICMPD (Ares/4344622)
- 1 Mar 2021 Meeting of DG INTPA Koen Doens and ICMPD (Ares/4679742)
- 6 Sep 2021 Meeting of Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen and ICMPD (Ares/5491059)

Please note that for the following meeting no internal records could be found:

• 14 Mar 2018 – Meeting of DG DEVCO Stefano Manservisi and ICMPD.

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/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation¹ 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, we 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.

These documents were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant members of Cabinet and colleagues of DG INTPA. It solely reflects the Cabinet and DG INTPA's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the documents refer, which were not consulted on its contents. It does 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'

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B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: <u>sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu</u>

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.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure: 4 documents.

