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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2019/3047**

Dear Ms Izuzquiza,

We refer to your email of 24 May 2019 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested access to, I quote:

‘For the years 2017, 2018 and 2019:

- any and all documents that contain the number of staff in your Transparency Unit (or the department dealing with access to EU documents requests) - this could be, for instance, organigrams or staffing plans that are specific to that unit;
- any and all documents containing the budget for your Transparency Unit (or the department dealing with access to EU documents requests); I would appreciate the most detailed version of this budget possible.

And for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018:

- any and all documents containing data on the handling of access to EU documents requests by this institution; I am looking specifically for broken down data, per year, on the number of initial access to documents applications received, and the number of confirmatory applications received.’

Regarding the first two parts of your request, please note that by email of 24 May 2019, the European Commission proposed to provide you with the relevant information under the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour in order to avoid an excessive administrative burden, while allowing you to receive the requested information.

By email of 6 June 2019, you accepted this proposal and agreed that the first two parts of your request will be dealt with under the Code of Good Administrative Behaviour.

Therefore, this decision focuses on the part of your request, whereby you requested access to, I quote:

"for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018: any and all documents containing data on the handling of access to EU documents requests by this institution [...] specifically for broken down data, per year, on the number of initial access to documents applications received, and the number of confirmatory applications received".

The European Commission has identified the following documents as falling under the scope of your request:

- Report from the Commission on the application in 2016 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents of 6 December 2017, hereafter 'document 1';
- Report from the Commission on the application in 2017 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents of 3 October 2018, hereafter 'document 2';
  - o Annex to the Report from the Commission on the application in 2017 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents of 3 October 2018, hereafter 'document 3';
- Draft Report from the Commission on the application in 2018 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, reference Ares(2019)3647920, hereafter 'document 4';
  - o Draft Annex to the Report on the application in 2018 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, reference Ares(2019)3647920, hereafter 'document 5'.

I can inform you that full access is granted to documents 1, 2 and 3, which are publicly available at the following address:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/reports-public-access-european-parliament-council-and-commission-documents\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/reports-public-access-european-parliament-council-and-commission-documents_en).

Regarding documents 4 and 5, which concern the draft Report on the application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 and Annex for the year of 2018, please note that the adoption procedure for this Report and accompanying Annex has not yet been finalised.

Currently an inter-service consultation is taking place and the discussions within the institution are still ongoing.

However, please be assured that as soon as the adoption procedure within the institution is finalised, the final version of the Report and accompanying Annex will be made publicly available at the same address as the one mentioned above, as all annual reports from the European Commission on the application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 since 2012 are published at this address after their adoption.

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Yours faithfully,

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Head of Unit