

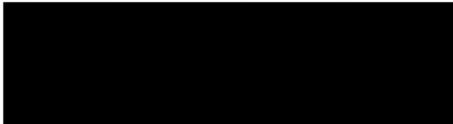


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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

Ms Lea PFAU



Advance copy by email:



Dear Ms Pfau,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2019/4151

I refer to your e-mail of 17 July 2019 by which you made a request for access to documents. This request was registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to the contract with Ms Ursula von der Leyen concerning her position as Special Adviser and to the internal communication preparing the conclusion of the contract.

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your application, i.e. 17 July 2019.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- 1) Commission Decision C(2019) 5110 of 18 June 2019 on the Status of the candidate for President/President-elect and the Commissioners designate (with its Annex);
- 2) The contract as unpaid Special Adviser that was concluded between Ms Ursula von der Leyen and the Commission in line with the provisions of Commission Decision C(2019) 5110.

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that they may be disclosed. They are attached to the present letter.

However, since the handwritten signatures in the contract are biometric data, there is a risk that their disclosure would prejudice the legitimate interests of the persons concerned. The signatures have therefore been redacted in the attached copy.

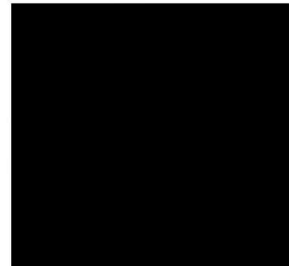
In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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 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 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure: Commission Decision C(2019) 5110 of 18 June 2019
Contract between the Commission and Ms von der Leyen