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**Subject:** Your application for access to documents 2022/5929

Dear Mr Rudl,

We refer to your request registered on 18/10/2022 under the above mentioned reference number.

You requested access to "All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting between Margrethe Vestager, Christiane Canenbley and the European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO) on 29. 03. 2022."

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- Meeting request Telecom CEOs, 29.11.2021 Ref. Ares(2021)6214268 which includes the following annexes:
  - o Joint CEO Statement 29 November 2021
  - o Agenda 29 November 2021
- Briefing ETNO SG Ref. Ares(2022)2720676
- Note of conference call between EVP Vestager and ETNO\_29.03.2022 Ref. Ares(2022)2082810

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 documents may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the documents have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exception to the right of access concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined laid down in Article 4(1)(b) of this Regulation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request

Yours sincerely,	
	(e-signed)
	Elisa Roller Director

Annex: 3 documents