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*By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt*

Dear Ms Roth,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/1927**

We refer to your e-mail dated 14/04/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 14/04/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

We understand from your request that you are asking for any *information and documentation concerning national CETA impact studies* and in particular *the impact studies of all 28 member states with regards to CETA*. You also provide an example of such a study (Estimating the Economic Impact on the UK of a CETA Agreement etc.).

I regret to inform you that the Commission is not in possession of national studies analysing the impact of CETA on individual Member States, nor it is aware that such studies had been conducted in the Member States, including the example used in your request. You may wish to contact National Member State authorities for further information.

Nonetheless, during the negotiation, the Commission has contracted external experts to conduct a detailed Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA). The SIA provides a comprehensive assessment of the potential impacts of trade liberalisation under the Agreement for the EU as a whole. The analysis assesses the economic, social and environmental impacts in Canada and the European

Union across three main sectors, sixteen sub-sectors and seven cross-cutting issues. It is available on the Commission's website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/policy-making/analysis/sustainability-impact-assessments/assessments/#study-geo-14>

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents are in the Commission's possession, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 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  
Secretary-General  
Transparency unit SG-B-4  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jean-Luc DEMARTY