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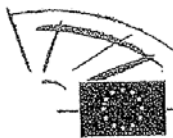
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COPY OF A LETTER

from: Mr Elmar Brok, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament
date of receipt: 12 April 2013
to: Mr Enda Kenny, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Request for access to the negotiating directives for the negotiations of the
Strategic Partnership Agreement with Canada in accordance with Article 218(10)
TFEU

Delegations will find attached a copy of the above letter.



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Mr Enda Kenny
 President of the Council
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Dear President,

Following the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, the consent of the Parliament is necessary in order to conclude the majority of international agreements between the European Union, third countries and international organisations. As you know Article 218(10) TFEU reads "*The European Parliament shall be immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedure.*". Given the above, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament follows closely the various ongoing negotiations on international agreements, as well as recently completed negotiations where an agreement has been signed, but has not yet come into force, and has appointed rapporteurs to this effect.

In this context, I would be grateful if you would grant access to the rapporteur Ms Elisabeth Jeggle and the coordinators of the committee to the negotiation directives given by the Council to the Commission for the negotiations of the Strategic Partnership Agreement with Canada and the initialled agreement, as soon as negotiations have been concluded.

I would also like to inform you that Ms Eleni Theoharous has replaced Mr Ioannis Kasoulides as rapporteur on the framework agreements with New Zealand and Australia. Ms Eleni Theoharous should, following your letter of 28 February 2013, be given access to the relevant negotiation documents.

Yours sincerely,

Elmar Brok

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