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from: Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament  
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to: Mr Enda KENNY, President-in-Office of the Council of the European Union

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Subject: Letter concerning Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding

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Delegations will find attached the abovementioned letter dated 16 January 2013.

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The President

Mr. Enda Kenny  
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Dear President,

Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding provides for a procedure for verifying whether a political party or a political foundation at European level fulfills the conditions specified in Article 3(c). That provision requires that they must observe, "in particular in [their] programme and in [their] activities, the principles on which the European Union is founded, namely the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law".

The procedure provided for in Article 5(2) includes the opinion of a committee of independent eminent persons. The committee shall consist of three members, with the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission each appointing one member.

I am writing to you in your capacity as President-in-Office of the Council of the European Union to request that you make the necessary arrangements without delay to appoint a representative to this committee. A similar letter has been sent to the President of the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Schulz

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