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COPY OF A LETTER

from: Mr Klaus-Heiner Lehne, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

date of receipt: 29 April 2013

to: Mr Enda Kenny, President of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Request for access to the mandate for negotiations regarding the conclusion of the WIPO Treaty to conclude a Treaty to facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities

Delegations will find attached a copy of the above letter.



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Subject: *Request for access to the mandate for negotiations regarding the conclusion of the WIPO Treaty to conclude a Treaty to facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities*

Dear President,

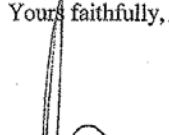
I am writing to you formally to request access to the mandate for negotiations given by Council to the Commission regarding the conclusion of the WIPO Treaty to facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities.

According to Article 218 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, the Parliament has to be immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedure.

Given that the Parliament's consent will be required before the Council adopts a decision regarding the conclusion of the agreement, the Members of the Committee on Legal Affairs believe it is necessary for them to be apprised of the content of the mandate in order to have a full understanding of the conduct of the negotiations, and therefore be able to make an informed recommendation to Plenary to consent or withhold consent.

Access is requested for the Chair, the rapporteur, the group coordinators and advisers and the staff of the committee secretariat.

Yours faithfully,


 Klaus Heiner LEHNE
 Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs