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From:	Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
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To:	Mr Miroslav Lajčák
Subject:	Information on the European Parliament's participation in the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the Convention of the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (Johannesburg, 24 September - 5 October 2016)

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Delegations will find attached a copy of the above-mentioned letter informing the Council of the participation of the European Parliament in the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the Convention of the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in Johannesburg from 24 September to 5 October 2016.

The President

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Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK  
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Dear President,

The 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the Convention of the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 24 September to 5 October 2016.

At its meeting of 4 May 2016, the Conference of Presidents authorised the sending of a delegation from the European Parliament to that Conference.

In accordance with paragraphs 25 to 27 of the Framework Agreement between the European Parliament and the European Commission, I wrote to the President of the European Commission to facilitate the inclusion of four Members of the European Parliament, led by Mr La Via, in the delegation of the European Union to this meeting, for the period from 23 to 25 September 2016. As is usual practice, the names of the Members will be forwarded by Parliament's Secretariat via e-mail to the Commission at least two weeks before the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



**Martin Schulz**



Cc: Mr LA VIA, Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety