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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Letter on the Transparency Register including the "Annual Report on the operations of the Transparency Register 2016".

Delegations will find attached a letter from EP Vice-President Ms Guillaume and Commission First Vice-President Mr Timmermans to the President of the Council Mr Maasikas and the annexed "Annual Report on the operations of the Transparency Register 2016".



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Matti Maasikas
President of the Council
Council of the European Union
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Dear President,

We are pleased to enclose the 2016 Annual Report on the operations of the Transparency Register.

The Register was launched by the European Parliament and European Commission in June 2011. It represents a key instrument in our relations with interest representatives and is an important part of our wider transparency policy. The Report presents statistics on the operations of the Register from January to December 2016 and describes the activities undertaken by the Joint Transparency Register Secretariat (JTRS) in particular with regard to ensuring an optimum quality of data and raising awareness of the tool.

We would like to invite the Council to consider this Report also in light of the upcoming tripartite negotiations on the Commission Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register.

We look forward to continued good cooperation between our institutions so that, together, we can reinforce further the transparency and integrity framework of the EU institutions, via an effective and credible Transparency Register.

Yours sincerely,

Vice-President Sylvie GUILLAUME

First Vice-President Frans TIMMERMANS

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