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from: Danuta HÜBNER, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs in the European Parliament

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to: Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Parliamentary Secretary of the Latvian Foreign Ministry, President in Office of the Council

Subject: European Parliament's right of inquiry

Delegations will find attached a letter from Danuta HÜBNER, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs in the European Parliament, on the draft Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry replacing the Decision of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 19 April 1995 (95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC).



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Dear Parliamentary Secretary,

As you know, following the suggestion made by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, last 18 September 2014 the Conference of Presidents had decided to resume the consideration of the procedure concerning the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry replacing the Decision of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 19 April 1995 (95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC).

Therefore, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs appointed as rapporteur for this file the Colleague Ramón Jáuregui Atondo during its meeting on 6 November 2014.

Furthermore, the European Parliament's legislative resolution of 16 April 2014, adopting the text of the proposal for a Regulation voted by Plenary on 23 May 2012, asks the Council and the Commission "to resume negotiations with the newly elected Parliament, acknowledging the progress made in past negotiations at political level and during the informal contacts at technical level, notably concerning the issue of confidentiality and the handling of classified and other information".

Accordingly with this, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, on the basis of a working document prepared by the Rapporteur Jáuregui, at its meeting of last 20 January, decided to ask formally the Council and the Commission to resume the Trilogue negotiations as soon as possible, first at the political and then at the technical level. Moreover, the debate showed that within sight of a consensus and in a spirit of dialogue, it will be important that the EU Institutions are open to show flexibility in their positions tackling the political issues that have prevented these rules – which have always been a cornerstone of parliamentarianism – from being rapidly adopted.

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This is the reason why I would like to propose to you that we resume the above mentioned Trilogue at a suitable date before the end of March 2015 which could be agreed by our two secretariats.

I am looking forward to meeting you on that occasion,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hübner', with a horizontal line above the 'H'.

Danuta Hübner