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From:	Mr Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament
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To:	Ms Lilyana Pavlova, Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council
Subject:	A letter on the Joint Statement and Common Approach on decentralised agencies

Delegations will find attached a copy of the above-mentioned letter to the Council concerning the Joint Statement and Common Approach on decentralised agencies.

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The President

Ms Liliyana PAVLOVA
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Dear President-in-Office,

In 2012, Parliament, Council and Commission agreed on a joint statement on decentralised agencies and a common approach, without prejudice to their respective prerogatives and responsibilities.

In its resolution of 15 March 2018 on the location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency, Parliament regretted that its role as co-legislator had not been duly taken into account since it had not been involved in the procedure leading to the selection of the new seat of the Agency. Parliament recalled its prerogatives as co-legislator and insisted that the ordinary legislative procedure be fully respected in relation to the location of bodies and agencies.

Therefore, Parliament insisted that the procedure followed for the selection of locations for agencies be revised and not used anymore in this form in the future.

At its meeting on 15 March 2018, the Conference of Presidents held an exchange of views on the matter and agreed that Parliament should pursue a revision of the joint statement and the common approach, in particular with a view to paragraph 6 of the common approach.

Consequently, I should like to discuss with you and the President of the European Commission the next steps for a revision of the joint statement on decentralised agencies and the common approach, which takes account of the above-mentioned concerns. I trust that this initiative finds your support and that the matter can be addressed swiftly.

A similar letter has been sent to Mr Juncker, President of the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Tajani