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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chairman

To the Chair of the committee concerned

Honourable Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) will organise an *Inter-parliamentary committee meeting with national Parliaments on Tuesday 9 October and - Wednesday 10 October 2012* in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels on the issue of *the EU Data Protection Reform*.

The reform includes two proposals, a general Regulation on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (COM(2012)0011) and a Directive on processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties (COM(2012)0010). As such, the two proposals would replace the current Directive 95/46/EC and Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA, and are reflecting the importance of data protection as a fundamental right, as well as adapting the provisions on data protection to the newest standards reflecting the latest technological developments and past experience (including case-law) on data protection.

This Data Protection "legislative package" is considered to be one of the main issues debated during this legislative period.

Several national Parliaments have already provided their positions with respect to these proposals (e. g.: five reasoned opinions on the draft Regulation¹) with respect to the issue of subsidiarity.

The meeting will be an occasion to meet with various actors such as representatives of the Commission, Council Presidency, judges of the European Court of Justice and of the European Court of Human Rights, the Fundamental Rights Agency, the European Data Protection Supervisor, national data protection authorities and law enforcement authorities, Europol, Eurojust, scholars, industry and civil society. As the European Regulation will have an impact on international level, some representatives of third countries and especially from U.S.A. will take part in this event.

¹ <http://www.presnet.ep.parl.union.eu/presnet/cms/site/presnet/Subsi-2012-proposals?p13699.offset=0#p13699>

It will therefore provide very valuable input for the future works of the LIBE Rapporteurs, Mr Jan Phillip Albrecht and Mr Dimitrios Droutsas, including the preparation of the two draft reports scheduled for November/December 2012 in the LIBE Committee.

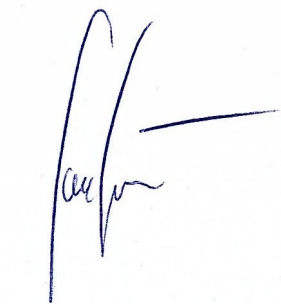
I am thus very pleased to invite to this meeting a maximum of four members from the relevant committees of your Parliament (two from each chamber for bicameral national Parliaments).

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which can be distributed to the participants.

The final programme of this meeting and practical information will be forwarded to your Parliament's Representatives directly responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juan Fernando López Aguilar', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR