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Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering
The Chair

To the Chair of the committee concerned

Honourable Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering (CRIM) will organise an Inter-parliamentary committee meeting with National Parliaments on Tuesday, 7 May 2013 from 15:00 to 18:30 in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels on '*The Role and experiences of National Parliaments in the fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering*'.

Organised crime, mafias and criminal systems pose a real threat to the security and freedom of European citizens. It is for that reason that the European Parliament, in setting up this Special Committee, has included the fight against these criminal activities among the priorities of the agenda of the European Union.

The CRIM Special Committee was set up on 14 March 2012 by decision of the European Parliament. The remit of the CRIM Special Committee is to analyse and evaluate the extent of organised crime, corruption and money laundering and its impact on the Union and its Member States and to propose appropriate measures to enable the Union to forestall and counter these threats, including at international, European and national level. To these ends, the CRIM Special Committee is instructed to establish the necessary contacts and hold hearings, inter alia, with national Parliaments.

There exist different models for parliamentary oversight on a national level of the security and law enforcement agencies responsible for the fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering. Those models cannot simply be "copied" to the EU-level, because of the important differences in responsibilities and tasks between national law enforcement authorities and those at EU level. However, one of the objectives of this inter-parliamentary committee meeting would be to look for convergences and synergies allowing parliamentarians on both national and European levels to contribute to the fight against the phenomena in question.

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The mandate of the CRIM Special Committee provides for the adaption of a mid-term report and a final report. By the date of our Inter-parliamentary meeting the mid-term report should have been adopted by the Committee and it would naturally serve as a basis for our discussion as your views on the matter are important for us. This debate would in turn provide a very valuable input for the preparation, by our Rapporteur, of the final report, the presentation of which is scheduled for June 2013.

I am thus very pleased to invite up to four representatives from the relevant committees of your Parliament (two from each chamber for bicameral national Parliaments) to participate in the event and to make a short presentation of their committee's views on the matter.

Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution that could be distributed to participants.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme of the meeting. 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 in due course.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions.

Yours sincerely,



Sonia ALFANO

Attachment: Draft agenda of the inter-parliamentary meeting with national Parliaments



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DRAFT AGENDA

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

European Parliament - National Parliaments

The role and experiences of National Parliaments in the fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering

Tuesday, 7 May 2013, 15.00 – 18.30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room József Antall (JAN) 4Q2

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Parliaments

ORDER OF BUSINESS (provisional)

- 15.00 - 15.10 **Welcome and introductory remarks:**
Ms Sonia ALFANO, Chair of the Special Committee
- 15.10 - 15.30 Address by **Ms Cecilia MALMSTRÖM**, Commissioner for
Home Affairs, European Commission
- 15.30 -15.50 **Exchange of views with Commissioner MALMSTRÖM**
- 15.50 - 16.00 **Introduction by the Rapporteur**
- 16.00 - 16.50 **Debate on Organised Crime**
*between members of the European Parliament and national
Parliaments*
- 16.50 - 17.35 **Debate on Corruption**
*between members of the European Parliament and national
Parliaments*
- 17.35 - 18.20 **Debate on Money Laundering**
*between members of the European Parliament and national
Parliaments*
- 18.20 - 18.30 **Concluding Remarks**
Ms Sonia ALFANO and the **Rapporteur**
- 18.30 Cocktail