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To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

In the framework of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union we are pleased to inform you that the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament and the Committee on Public Administration, Public Order and Justice of the Hellenic Parliament are organising a Joint Committee Meeting on "***Future Priorities in the Field of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs***" with the participation of Members from National Parliaments on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 09.00 to 06.30, in the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

The period of implementation of "The Stockholm Programme: an open and secure Europe serving and protecting citizens" will end by 2014 and discussions as to the post-Stockholm agenda for the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice are currently taking place. This meeting, following on the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Justice and Home Affairs held in Athens in February, is intended to provide a forum for national Parliaments and the European Parliament to further elaborate on the priorities in the field of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on the basis of the progress made under the Stockholm Programme. As such it should contribute to the definition of parliamentary priorities ahead of the June 2014 European Council which will provide strategic guidelines for legislative and operational planning in the area of freedom, security and justice (pursuant to Article 68 TFEU). In this context it will also offer the occasion to assess the two communications - one on home affairs and one on justice affairs - that the Commission intends to present by spring 2014.

It is thus our pleasure to invite up to four Members from the relevant Committees of your Parliament (two from each chamber for bicameral National Parliaments) to participate in the Joint Committee Meeting and up to two accompanying civil servants. The Parliaments of candidate and potential candidate countries and EFTA members are invited to send up to two members as observers and one accompanying civil servant.

Please find enclosed the draft programme. The final programme and more detailed practical information about the meeting will be shortly forwarded to your Parliament's staff, responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation and look forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure