



Committee on Constitutional Affairs
The Chair

To the Chair(s) of the Committee concerned

Subject: Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on Wednesday 11 October

Honourable Chairperson,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to the Interparliamentary Committee meeting that the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) will hold on Wednesday 11 October 2017, to discuss the Future of Europe and in particular the European Parliament's proposals of 16 February 2017 and the Commission White Paper of 1 March 2017.

Our committee greatly values the debates we already had with members of national parliaments in the run up to the adoption of the report by Mercedes Bresso, Elmar Brok on "Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty¹" and the report by Guy Verhofstadt on "Possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union²" and would like to continue these fruitful exchanges of views.

I am therefore very pleased to invite up to four Members of your corresponding committee(s) (two from each chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting on Wednesday 11 October, from 15h00 to 18h30, on the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

After an introductory part, the discussion will centre on the different reflection papers of the Commission and will be divided in two parts: a part on Deepening the Economic and Monetary Union, the Future of EU Finances and the Social Dimension and another part on The Future of European Defence and Harnessing globalisation.

Matti Maasikas, President of the Council of the European Union and Deputy Minister for EU Affairs of the Republic of Estonia has confirmed his presence for the introductory part of the meeting and we can count also on the presence of Commission Vice-President Dombrovskis to give input to the debate.

You will find attached the draft programme that I am proposing at this stage. Should you be unable to attend, or should you desire to do so, we would welcome any written contributions from your committee, which would also be distributed to the participants.

¹ P8_TA(2017)0049

² P8_TA(2017)0048

Practical details regarding the ICM will be forwarded in due course to the services of your Parliament, responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that your committee will be able to accept our invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you at the European Parliament on 11 October 2017.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex I: Draft Programme