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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Honourable Chairperson,

The European Commission is preparing a comprehensive assessment of the EU security policy by June 2017. The assessment will cover three thematic priorities of the European Agenda on Security (EAS) adopted in 2015 - tackling terrorism and preventing radicalisation, disrupting organised crime and fighting cybercrime - and will include key measures adopted in these areas since 2002 (policy and legal instruments as well as practical cooperation tools). It is intended to ensure that EU policies in these areas are fit for purpose.

Commissioner King proposed to the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee to facilitate a meeting with Members of national parliaments and representatives of civil society to exchange views and provide input to the comprehensive assessment of the EU security policy. The Committee decided to honour this request and agreed to organise such a meeting.

Against this background, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs would like to invite Members of national Parliaments to an exchange of views on "Comprehensive assessment of EU Security Policy". The meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 May 2017 from 10h30 to 12h30 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

I am therefore pleased to invite Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament to attend this meeting.

Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Following questions could be considered:

What are the EU measures to tackle terrorism and prevent radicalization, disrupt organized crime and fight cybercrime which have been effective and added value, to what extent and for what reasons?

Are there EU measures which have not met their objectives or proved to be ineffective and/or inefficient, and for what reasons (for example lack of implementation or failure in their design)?

To what extent have fundamental rights been safeguarded or have been affected, positively or negatively, by EU measures?

To what extent are instruments developed and their objectives still relevant and adapted to current needs and emerging trends? In what areas would further action at EU level be beneficial and what kind of action should be considered? Are there areas where synergies between EU measures and/or EU actors should be further explored at EU level?

Please be so kind to send your answers or other contributions, by e-mail, to libe-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 11 May 2017.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claude Moraes". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Claude MORAES

Encl.: Programme of the exchange of views
Letter by Commissioner King of 11.04.2017