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Claude Moraes Chair Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice And Home Affairs

Dear Claude,

Comprehensive assessment of security policies - special session of LIBE with national parliaments and civil society.

I would like to thank the LIBE Coordinators for the constructive meeting held on the 3rd of April. It is my intention to keep the European Parliament updated on the ongoing process of the comprehensive assessment of security policies. To ensure wide debate, I appreciate your efforts and willingness to provide a forum for debate with civil society and representatives of national Parliaments through a special session of LIBE. I am confident that such a meeting would facilitate an open and frank discussion with MEPs, MPs and civil society representatives and feed into the comprehensive assessment of the EU security policy.

The assessment will cover the three thematic priorities of the European Agenda on Security (EAS) adopted in 2015 - tackling terrorism and preventing radicalisation, disrupting organised crime; and fighting cybercrime, focusing on the key measures adopted in these areas since 2002 (legal instruments as well as practical cooperation tools).

The assessment is scheduled to be completed by June 2017 and is also designed to inform Commission's future policy initiatives for the implementation of the Security Union. A consultation phase has been launched and will run throughout April and May 2017. In addition to working with the parliament, the Commission will also work with:

 Member States – via a questionnaire and two thematic seminars – on counterterrorism and organized crime;

- JHA agencies (Europol, Cepol, EBCG, EMCDDA, eu-LISA, Eurojust and FRA)
  via a questionnaire and thematic seminars;
- The wider academic and think tank community.

In analysing the effectiveness of EU measures, the Commission will also examine their proportionality, respect for fundamental rights and other key principles identified by the European Agenda on Security including transparency, accountability, effective implementation of existing EU legal instruments and a more joined-up and cross-sectoral approach.

I hope this update is helpful and look forward to taking work on the comprehensive assessment forward with you.

Yours sincerely,

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