



European Council
Cabinet of the President

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Dear Chairs,
Honourable Members,

Thank you for your letter of 20 June 2016.

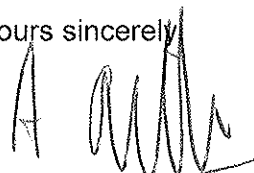
As you know, the result of the referendum in the United Kingdom on 23 June 2016 was, regrettably, for it to leave the European Union. In accordance with the terms of the European Council conclusions of 18-19 February 2016, the consequence of this vote is that the set of arrangements agreed as regards the new settlement for the United Kingdom in the European Union have ceased to exist.

The President of the European Council agrees on the importance of the national parliaments' scrutiny of Union legislation and, in particular, on their role in ensuring that the subsidiarity principle is applied through the mechanisms set out in Protocols 1 and 2 to the Treaties.

Mr Svetlen TANCHEV, Chairman Committee on European Affairs and Oversight EU funds,
Bulgarian Parliament
Ms Mette GJERSKOV, Chairperson EU Affairs Committee, Parliament of Denmark
Mr Kalle PALLING, Chairman EU Affairs Committee, Estonian Parliament
Ms Lolita ČIGĀNE, Chairperson EU Affairs Committee, Latvian Parliament
Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, Chairman EU Affairs Committee, Lithuanian Parliament
Mr Malik AZMANI, Chairman Committee on European Affairs,
House of Representatives, The Netherlands
Ms Izabela KLOC, Chairperson EU Affairs Committee, Sejm of the Republic of Poland
Prof. Marek ROCKI, Chairman Foreign and EU Affairs Committee,
Senate of the Republic of Poland

National parliaments play a pivotal role in building a bridge between the Union and the citizens. In these difficult times, this has become ever more important, and the President wishes you continued success with your work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Gillissen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

André GILLISSEN
Deputy Head of Cabinet