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Dear Chairmen,

We have received your letter of 16 July 2018 in which you refer to the efforts concerning legislative transparency. Thank you very much for your continued interest in this important file.

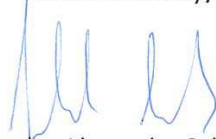
I am pleased to inform you about the latest developments. A discussion on the Council's policy on legislative transparency has taken place at the level of Ambassadors in the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 18 July 2018 based on a policy paper by the Council Secretariat.

When concluding this first debate the Ambassadors have decided to task an ad hoc expert group to further examine all details of the policy paper of the Council Secretariat and to come up with concrete ideas and suggestions as soon as possible. The ad hoc expert group has held intensive consultations in two substantial meetings since 18 July 2018 and will continue its work in a persistent manner.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the chairman of this group, Mr. Franz Wirtenberger (franz.wirtenberger@bmeia.gv.at).

We are committed to bring this work forward as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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