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in the European Parliament

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*Mr Patrick Cox
President of the European Parliament
PHS 11B011
Brussels*

Dear Mr Cox,

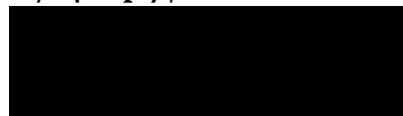
We understand that the Conference of Presidents will take a decision on 13 June to settle the conflict of competencies between the Legal Affairs Committee and the Environment Committee on the proposal for a directive on environmental liability (COM(2002)0017 final). This will follow the unanimous decision on 16th May by the three vice-presidents in charge of conflict of competencies to reallocate the proposal to the Environment Committee.

Since then, Mrs Ana Palacio Vallerlersundi, as Chairman of the Conference of Committee Chairmen, has asked Mr Gargani, as Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee and Mrs Jackson, as Chairman of the Environment Committee, to provide further arguments for the meeting of the Conference of Presidents. Our understanding of the rules of procedures is that the Chairman of the Conference of Committee Chairmen should play a role of mediator super partes in the first phase of the conflict, but should not interfere in the following steps of the procedure.

We would like to underline the fact that the final decision has to be taken by the Conference of Presidents; so far it always followed the opinion of the three vice-presidents also because the procedure for the examination of the question is accurate and detailed. In order to keep the credibility of the whole internal dispute settlement mechanism for future conflicts, our group would therefore like to see the proposal of the three vice-presidents endorsed as quickly as possible to allow the European Parliament to give its opinion on this important piece of legislation.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Greens/Efa Group



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