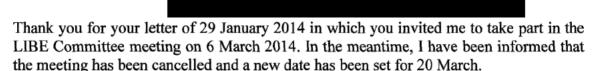
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Dear Chairman,



Please accept my sincere apologies as unfortunately I will not be able to attend.

The Commission will be represented by the Director General, Mr Stefano Manservisi, who will be happy to attend on 20 March. He will have the pleasure to inform the honourable members about the overall outcome of the policy dialogues carried out as part of the preparation for the programmes of the new Home Affairs Funds 2014-2020.

Following your request, please find enclosed a background note on the overall outcome of the policy dialogues.

Please be ensured that the Commission stands ready to keep the European Parliament informed of the programming process including the preparation of national programmes and their implementation.

Should you have any questions requiring technical clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact my services.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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