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Mr Klaus-Heiner LEHNE
Chair of the Conference of
Committee Chairs
European Parliament

Brussels,

Subject: Application of Rule 50 (Associated Committee) procedure for the INI report: "An Effective Raw Materials Strategy for Europe" (ITRE/7/05029 INI)

Dear Chairman,

As you are aware, during the Conference of Committee Chairs meeting of 19 October 2010, the ENVI Committee has requested the application of Rule 50 (Associated Committee) to the ITRE INI report on "An Effective Raw Materials Strategy for Europe".

The INI report requested by ITRE will be based on the Commission Communication on "Tackling the Challenges in Commodity Markets and on Raw Materials" (COM(2011)025) adopted on 2 February 2011, which is a follow-up revision of the earlier 2008 Communication (COM(2008)699). It includes key strategic issues such as defining a number of critical raw materials, policy actions to fight export restrictions applied by third countries, how to better integrate the raw materials dimension into the EU development policy and actions to promote research and substitution inside the EU.

ITRE is in general the committee in charge of measures related to maintaining the overall competitiveness of industry in Europe. The Raw Materials Communication is the first deliverable on the Industrial Policy flagship initiative under EU2020 Strategy, which falls under the core competence of ITRE. Furthermore, the given Communication will tackle the issue of raw materials particularly from the angle of competitiveness, addressing all aspects of the value chain and setting out the general political direction of an European strategy in that field. To this end, it is important to stress that the ITRE Committee, as the lead committee on this dossier, remains ultimately responsible for the coherence and consistency of the overall content of the final report to be produced.

Therefore, we request that Rule 50 be applied during the preparation of the report in a manner that ensures that competences in the areas set out in the Annex to this letter will be jointly shared by the lead committee and the associated committee.


We are thus pleased to be able to report that our two committees have been able to reach agreement on both the timetable for this report as well as the share of competence in correspondence to each committee's separate responsibilities under Annex VII (details are shown in the Annex to this letter).

We should be grateful if you would bring this letter and its Annex to the attention of the next meeting of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman of the Committee on the
Industry, Energy and Research



Jo LEINEN
Chairman of the Committee on the
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Annexes: Timetable and division of work

Annex

I. ITRE and ENVI have agreed the following **timetable** for the lead committee, which is acceptable for the associated committees as well:

	ITRE
Rapporteur:	Reinhard Hans Bütikofer (VERTS)
Exchange of Views	27 Jan 2011
Public Hearing ITRE	26 Jan 2010 09h00 - 12h30
Consideration of draft report /opinion	31 Mar 2011
Adoption of draft report / opinion	16 June 2011

II. As far as the **division of work** is concerned, ENVI will address the following areas in **joint competence** with ITRE:

1) Sustainability of access to and management of raw materials:

- environmental (including biodiversity and Natura 2000), health and safety aspects of the extraction and processing of raw materials
- issues regarding environmental protection and companies' extraction practices in 3rd countries

2) Resource efficiency and recycling of raw materials

3) Waste management in relation to raw materials (electrical and electronic waste and mining waste extraction)