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

Dear Chairman,

We are happy to inform you that we found a solution regarding the powers and responsibilities of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on the Industry, Research and Energy in relation to the own-initiative report "Analyses of options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage".

As the report, for which the ENVI will be the lead Committee, will touch upon areas of legitimate interest to the ITRE, the cooperation pursuant to Rule 50 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure will involve both the exclusive and joint competences. The details of that association are laid down in an Annex to this letter, in particular Section II thereof. We trust that this agreement will enable our committees to cooperate in a constructive fashion.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the Committee on the
Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Herbert REUL

Chairman of the Committee on the
Industry, Energy and Research

Annex: Agreement

Cooperation of ENVI and ITRE on the own-initiative report

"Analysis of options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage"

I. Introductory remarks

A) Competences according to the Rules of Procedure, Annex VII

ENVI is responsible for (*excerpt* of relevant powers and responsibilities)

- environmental policy and environmental protection measures, in particular concerning air, soil, climate change, protection of biodiversity, sustainable development, international and regional agreements aimed at protecting the environment and the restoration of environmental damage and civil protection.

ITRE is responsible for (*excerpt* of relevant powers and responsibilities)

- the Union's industrial policy and the application of new technologies, including measures related to SMEs, the Union's research policy, including the dissemination and exploitation of research findings, space policy, Community measures relating to energy policy in general, the security of energy supply and energy efficiency including the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the energy infrastructure sector.

B) List of reports for which ENVI and ITRE were lead committees

ENVI was the lead committee for the following legislative files:

- Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol
- Decision on mechanism for monitoring Community greenhouse gas emissions and for implementing the Kyoto Protocol
- Emission Trading Scheme including all subsequent revisions (ITRE associated *in 2008*)
- Inclusion of aviation into ETS (TRAN associated)
- Effort sharing decision (ITRE associated)
- CCS Directive (ITRE associated)
- Reduction of CO₂ emissions from cars (ITRE associated)
- Reduction of CO₂ emissions from Light Commercial Vehicles (ITRE associated)
- Promotion of clean and energy efficient road transport vehicles
- Fuel Quality Directive
- Directive 2009/125/EC establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products (2003-ITRE associated, 2008 - simple opinion by ITRE)

- EMAS Regulation
- Ecolabel Directive

ITRE was the lead committee for the following legislative files:

- Renewable Energy Directive (ENVI associated)
- Energy Performance of buildings
- Energy Labelling
- Energy Star
- Energy statistics
- Internal market in electricity
- Internal market in natural gas
- Security of gas supply
- FP7
- GMES
- Galileo
- Labelling of tyres
- Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme including Intelligent Energy Programme
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (including Climate Knowledge and Innovation Communities and Energy Knowledge and Innovation Communities)
- Joint Technology Initiative Clean Sky + Joint Technology Initiative Fuel Cells
- SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research)
- European Economic Recovery Plan
- Directive 2009/71/Euratom of 25 June 2009 establishing a Community framework for the nuclear safety of nuclear installations

II. Detailed arrangements for the cooperation between ITRE and ENVI

1. Principle

ENVI is the lead committee; ITRE is associated pursuant to Rule 50.

2. ITRE exclusive competences:

- renewable energy, in particular the Renewable Energy Directive including its further development, with the exception of sustainability criteria and legislation on fuel quality
- energy efficiency, with the exception of Ecodesign, EMAS and Eco-labelling
- energy security
- energy performance of buildings
- energy labelling
- assessment of consequences for the energy sector and the industrial sector, without prejudice to the ENVI responsibility for setting the overall level of ambition for climate policy

- smart grids, smart meters
- research and innovation (FP7, space monitoring (including GMES, but excluding INSPIRE and Kyoto monitoring mechanism), renewable energies)

3. Joint competences

- carbon leakage
- promotion of green jobs
- promotion of investments into green technologies
- Ecodesign as regards energy-related aspects

4. Process

- systematic invitation of ITRE rapporteur to ENVI shadows meetings, inter alia in order to agree on the basic structure (headings) of the report
- joint meeting of ENVI rapporteur and shadows with ITRE rapporteur and shadows *before the vote in ITRE*, to assess the situation and discuss possible joint compromises on selected issues
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