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Subject: Information to the European Parliament on the preparation of the national programmes in the Home Affairs Funds

Dear Commissioner Avramopoulos,

In the past, I was in contact with your predecessor on the reporting commitment the Commission took towards the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee of the European Parliament on the national programmes, in advance of their adoption.

This commitment in the interest of transparency and accountability has been enshrined in the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management: "After the conclusion of the policy dialogues, the Commission shall inform the Parliament about the overall outcome." (Article 13, see also Recital 10).

I therefore take this opportunity to invite DG HOME to further report to the LIBE Committee on national programmes during our LIBE meeting of 23-24 February 2015.

As was underlined in the former presentations, the policy dialogues took place at an early stage when the negotiations on the related financial instruments had not yet been finalised.

The minimum percentages of funding to be allocated to specific objectives of the individual financial instruments had not been fully taken into account during the policy dialogues, as these percentages were only discussed during the final stage of the negotiations.

Now, at the stage of finalisation of the national programmes, these legal provisions should have been taken fully into account, and within the general reporting on the programmes, any departures from these obligatory minimum percentages and their justifications will be a major point of interest in the upcoming reporting session.

As was previously done at the stage of the policy dialogues, and as requested by myself in former correspondence and explicitly during the presentation by Mr. Gaztelu in the LIBE meeting of 4 December 2014, the Committee would find it most useful if a background note completed with country-specific data on the situation in each Member State was made available to the LIBE Members, well in advance of the LIBE meeting concerned.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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