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Dear Mr Zuckerberg,

On 12 April, the Conference of Presidents held an additional discussion on the manipulation of Facebook users' personal data by Cambridge Analytica.

All Political Groups in the European Parliament expressed their deep concern about the reported breach of privacy rules and are determined to shed full light on this scandal.

We thank you for your kind offer to send M. Joel Kaplan, Vice-President for public policy and external affairs, to appear before Parliament on this issue. However, all Political Groups stressed the absolute need of your personal presence, as was the case before the United States Congress.

The European Parliament, directly elected to represent half a billion citizens, is a key decision maker in the regulatory process for the biggest economic area of the world.

Facebook's international headquarter is located in Dublin, submitting the company to EU legislation. The prevention of any misuse of Facebook users' data needs to be considered in the framework of the entry into force of the General Data Protection Regulation on 25 May.

Let me also stress that one of the Parliament's future priorities will be to reinforce the regulatory framework to ensure a well-functioning digital market with high level protection for our citizens. We expect the relevant stakeholders to cooperate fully with us to achieve this goal. I believe that your presence in the European Parliament will send a decisive signal in this direction.

We are convinced that the millions of Europeans affected by the Cambridge Analytica scandal deserve a full and thorough explanation from Facebook's top manager, just as was the case for US citizens.

It is urgent to provide convincing clarifications on the alleged role of Cambridge Analytica in the UK referendum on EU membership and in electoral campaigns in other Member States, also in view of the upcoming European elections.

I am therefore reiterating my invitation of 20 March requesting you to personally appear before this Parliament at your earliest convenience. I am confident that you will respond favourably to the call of the European citizens' representatives.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Tajani