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next week



Mr Frans TIMMERMANS
First Vice-President
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Dear Vice-President,

We have taken note of your negative reply to our letter of 13 March 2019 regarding a fourth negotiating meeting at political level to be held during next week's plenary session in Strasbourg.

We understood from the last meeting on 13 February 2019 that the political level was meant to reconvene as soon as possible, in order to note progress done at technical level. Staff from the three institutions have been working tirelessly to progress as much as possible, in order to facilitate another tripartite political negotiation. Indeed, when you refer to a small number of outstanding issues meant to have been discussed this week, we understand that the postponement of a technical meeting was firmly meant on our side to be to another day this week, with the express purpose of providing a clear indication of progress that could then be given to the political level meeting. What is more, discussions at the technical level cannot be regarded as a precondition for achieving this agreement.

In terms of substance, it emerged during the recent meetings at technical level that a number of issues - outside Articles 3 and 5 - remained to be clarified at the political level in order to provide the services of our three institutions with political guidance. These include notably the legal architecture of the IIA and associated separate decisions to be taken. We reiterate that in order to reach an interinstitutional agreement on the Transparency Register during this legislative term, as was our common goal, time is running out.

We therefore urge you to reconsider your position and meet with the Parliament and the Council next week in order to come to a political agreement, which will allow for the remaining technical issues to be adapted as a consequence.

Yours sincerely,

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