



President of the European Commission
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Dear Mr President,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for ensuring high level representation of the European Commission at the coming EU Speakers' Conference in Copenhagen. I am looking forward very much to the contribution of Vice-President Wallström, who will address the Conference on the question of the future of Europe.

Secondly, let me congratulate you on the two excellent Communications of 10 May 2006 on setting out a citizens' agenda and a plan D for dialogue, democracy and debate.

In particular the decision to transmit all new EU proposals and consultation papers directly to national parliaments and IPEX could mark an important turning-point in the relations between the European Commission and the national parliaments.

However, please let me share with you a few additional ideas along the same lines. I am therefore enclosing an advance copy of one of the chapters of a report on the future of interparliamentary cooperation, which I will present at the Conference of EU-Speakers, for your consideration. The report will be dispatched to my Speaker colleagues shortly, and it will be the subject for debate at the Conference.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank you and Vice-President Wallström on your commitment to the IPEX project. In particular I am pleased that the Commission has committed itself to transmit Commission documents to the IPEX database along with essential meta-data, which will enable the automatic publication of these documents on the interparliamentary web site. My Secretary General, Mr. Henrik Tvarnø will soon become Chair of the IPEX Board, and will thus be able to provide additional information to the Commission's Services concerning the specific requirements of IPEX.

This letter is copied to Vice-President of the Commission, Mrs. Margot Wallström.

Yours sincerely

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