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The President

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Dear President,

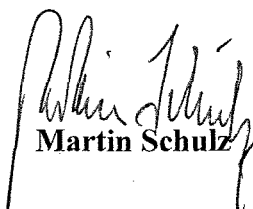
As you are aware, the United Kingdom government has announced its intention to make use of the possibility provided for in Article 10 paragraphs 4 and 5 of Protocol 36 to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning all acts of the Union relating to police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters which were adopted prior to the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon.

I am sure you would share my view that such an exercise should in no way prejudice the practical operability nor the coherence of the *acquis* in this important area of Union activity, nor should it influence the working priorities of our institutions.

The Commission as guardian of the Treaties has a key role to play in this regard and therefore I am confident that you will ensure that the Parliament is duly informed and can provide input at the appropriate level through its responsible committee on your Institution's detailed position and intended sequencing of the exercise as soon as the request by the Member State in question becomes clear.

Indeed, parliamentary scrutiny of, and a thorough public debate on, such an important decision potentially affecting the lives of citizens in all Member States is of key importance, both at national and European level, and for the effectiveness and the consistency of the whole Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.

Yours sincerely,


Martin Schulz