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Dear Mr Latorre, dear Mr Vito,

Dear Colleagues,

We are very appreciative of your letter dated 25 June 2014, describing the intent to continue the workshop on parliamentary decision-making procedures and practices regarding deployment of military forces under CSDP e.g. the review of EU Battlegroups (EUBG) during the IPC of 6-7 November 2014 in Rome. We wholeheartedly welcome the start of an open and informal exchange of views among interested EU parliamentary counterparts ahead of Rome.

Following your call for general material and documents related to EUBG, we conceived the discussion paper attached. This paper touches upon the factors of non-deployment, e.g. the large variety of parliamentary procedures regarding deployment of armed forces, and enumerates several scenarios in the framework of a possible review of the EUBG. We also included information on the formal parliamentary procedures in the Netherlands. We invite other parliaments to submit information on their practices and procedures accordingly.

We look forward to continuing this process, dear colleagues. Please do contact us if additional information is required. We are at your disposal should you appreciate an informal meeting, via videoconferencing or in person, to prepare the workshop in advance of the IPC in Rome.

Yours sincerely,

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