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Dear colleagues,

Following a structured dialogue between the EC and IPEX, an effort embraced by the last EUSC in Cyprus, we can now announce you that IPEX, the national Parliaments and the EP will receive in the future an extended range of Commission documents.

For further details, please see attached the EC's letter to the Chair of the EUSC, Mr. Omirou.

Have a nice day,

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Brussels, 18 September 2013  
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Dear President, *Dear Yiannakis,*

*The Commission would like to thank you for your letter of 14 May 2013 regarding the request for transmission to national Parliaments of the documents that the Commission currently transmits only to the Council, as included in the Conclusions adopted by the EU Speakers' Conference held in Nicosia on 21-23 April 2013.*

*In practice the majority of national Parliaments already receive these acts from their governments. Nevertheless, the Commission understands that for national Parliaments' scrutiny of their governments it would be helpful for them to receive directly also the official COM documents, which today are addressed exclusively to the Council.*

*Moreover, the Commission has repeatedly stated its objective to empower national Parliaments to monitor their governments in relation to European affairs and to take more ownership in the context of economic governance and the European Semester.*

*I am happy to inform you that after having examined the request from the Speakers of EU Parliaments against this background, the Commission can reply favourably to it.*

*It should, however, be underlined that the transmission can cover only publicly available documents, which can already be found on Eur-Lex once all language versions are available, and namely proposals for Council decisions, proposals for Council regulations, proposals for Council directives, recommendations for Council decisions or reports from the Commission to the Council, and communications from the Commission to the Council. No classified documents will be transmitted.*

*The Commission would also like to underline that it would not be able to send 'for courtesy reasons' any document to national Parliaments which it would not also send directly to the European Parliament, and that its decision cannot apply with retroactive effect.*

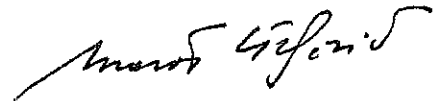
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*We will now start preparing the necessary internal and technical arrangements, which will allow the Commission in the future to send directly to national Parliaments (including IPEX) and to the European Parliament the above-mentioned public documents which it has so far sent only to the Council.*

*National Parliaments and IPEX, as well as the European Parliament and the Council, will be informed as soon as these internal measures have been implemented, and the transmission of the documents concerned can be effectively launched.*

*The Commission hopes that the future transmission of these documents will help the national Parliaments in their scrutiny.*

*Yours faithfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maroš Šefčovič', written in a cursive style.

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*