



Strasbourg, 17 October 2022

Dear Minister,

Ahead of discussions during of your General Affairs Council meeting of 18 October 2022, as the Executive Rapporteur of the European Parliament and AFCO on the modification of the Treaties I would like to clarify some points concerning the Parliament resolution of 9 June 2022 on the call for a Convention for the revision of the Treaties.

As President Metsola has stated in her letter of 30 June 2022, according to Article 48 of the Treaty on European Union the Council is obliged to submit these proposals directly to the European Council, and obliges the latter to examine these proposals. Therefore, I am surprised to learn that the Council is deliberating on when to forward the proposal by the Parliament to the European Council, and even more so that the Council is considering a vote on this matter.

As I have written in my letter to Minister Bek on 5 July 2022 there is at this stage no second proposal foreseen by the Parliament on the basis of the provisions of Art. 48 TEU. I reconfirm this to you to avoid any risk of further delay in the forwarding of the proposals to change the Treaties.

The Union urgently needs reform to become more effective and democratic, as well as prepare the Institutions and its decision making processes for the future including for the possibility to welcome new European friends into the Union.

In the light of the considerations above, I urge you to act swiftly and forward the Parliament proposals to the European Council urgently.

I attach a copy of the letter of President Metsola to the President-in-Office, as well as my letter to Minister Bek for your information.

Yours sincerely,



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