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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
The Chairman

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Ms. Cecilia Wikström
Chairwoman of the Conference of
Committee Chairs

Subject: Follow-up to AFCO's requests to draw-up two non-legislative initiative reports, on "Differentiated integration" and on "The Future of Europe: Perspectives on the European Parliament's proposals and the Commission White Paper", and one implementation report on "Implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring the parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies"

Dear Chair,

I am writing to you, on behalf of the ECON Committee, further to the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO)'s decision to request authorisation to draw up two non-legislative initiative reports on

- "Differentiated integration" and
- "The Future of Europe: Perspectives on the European Parliament's proposals and the Commission White Paper"

and one implementation report on

- "Implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring the parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies".

Regarding the request to draw-up a non-legislative initiative report on "Differentiated integration", it is stated in the AFCO letter that the proposed report will build on the AFCO working document on Multi-speed integration from November 2017, which compared the ideas expressed by the Commission on differentiated integration with those already present in the Bresso/Brok¹ and Verhofstadt² reports. It is important to point out that this working document includes one entire chapter dedicated to EMU deepening, which clearly impinges upon ECON competences. The single currency and the economic governance of the euro area are one of the key examples of differentiated integration. ECON is exclusively competent for the economic and monetary policies of the Union and the functioning of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) (Rules of Procedure, Annex V, VI.1).

Therefore, in order to avoid a repetition of the conflict of competences that occurred in the past with AFCO on topics falling under ECON's core competences including concerning the previously mentioned reports - I hereby request that the AFCO committee is not authorised to draw up an initiative report on the basis of Article 52 on "Differentiated integration" unless ECON is granted association under Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure. The EFSI case

¹ Report on « Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon treaty »

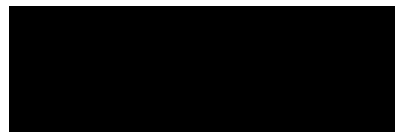
² Report on « Possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union »

(BUDG/ECON) shows that a formal agreement can safeguard respective areas of competence within the framework of cooperation between committees under Rule 55.

Regarding the request to draw-up a non-legislative initiative report on "*The Future of Europe: Perspectives on the European Parliament's proposals and the Commission White Paper*", I hereby request that ECON is granted association under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure with exclusive competence as far as the economic and monetary policies of the Union and the functioning of EMU are concerned, given that those matters are a key part of the debate on the Future of Europe and fall under exclusive ECON competence.

Finally, when it comes to the request to draw-up an implementation report on "*Implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring the parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies*", the ECON Committee believes that streamlining of the parliamentary scrutiny of decentralised agencies, while preserving particularities of specific agencies, is a welcomed approach. Given the ongoing debate on the relocation of EBA from London, it is worth noting that the decision on the seats of European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) was concluded in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure following a full-fledged trilogue procedure. Regarding other decentralised agencies, their seats were decided by a common agreement between the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting at Head of State and Government level. Given the ECON Committee's expertise in ensuring accountability of the three ESAs (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) as well as other bodies, such as ECB, SSM, SRB, ESM, Eurogroup, and the AFCO invitation for contributions from other committees, I hereby request association under Rule 54, with exclusive competence for ECON as regards the accountability of agencies in ECON's area of competence.

Yours sincerely,

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Roberto Gualtieri

CC: Danuta Hübner, AFCO Committee Chair