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The Chair

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Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs  
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**Subject: Request for authorisation to draft a Non-Legislative Initiative Report pursuant to Rule 52 on the "*Differentiated integration*".**

Dear Chair,

At its meeting of Tuesday, 27 February 2018, the Coordinators of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs decided to draft an initiative report (INI), according to Rule 52 of the Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on "*Differentiated integration*". Mr. Pascal DURAND (Greens/ EFA) was appointed rapporteur for this report.


Differentiated integration was one of the central topics in the Commission White Paper on the Future of Europe and the accompanying Reflection Papers, published in March 2017. The proposed own initiative 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/ Brok<sup>1</sup> and Verhofstadt<sup>2</sup> reports, and proposed venues to be exploited in relation to this concept.

The report will analyse existing cases of differentiated integration and examine possible venues to improve the application of this concept in the future, by making it more streamlined, transparent, inclusive for all Member States and aimed at advancing the process of European integration.

As customary, AFCO will welcome the opinion of other interested committees on this important issue, following an inclusive approach.

I am confident that you can recommend to the Conference of Presidents to authorise this report.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Report on "Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty" (P8\_TA-PROV(2017)0049)

<sup>2</sup> "Possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union" (P8\_TA-PROV(2017)0048)