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Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents, Dear Colleagues,

On 13 and 14 March next, on the occasion of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, it will be our pleasure to welcome you to the Interparliamentary Conference meeting on the strategic economic autonomy of the European Union, which will take place at the Luxembourg Palace, seat of the Senate of the French Republic in Paris. Please note that we can receive up to four members per national parliament, two members per chamber for parliaments with a bicameral system. In order for all delegations to be able to contribute to the work of the Conference, the possibility of remote participation, via a hybrid format, will also be provided for by the French Presidency.

This conference represents an opportunity to reflect jointly on defining priorities and developing tools in order to improve the strategic economic autonomy of the Union, as geopolitical tensions and the Covid-19 pandemic have given rise to new challenges.

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To this end, we are pleased to invite you to three discussion sessions exploring the multiple aspects of strategic economic autonomy in the fields of industry, energy and agriculture. These sessions will be introduced by a presentation given by Mr Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for the Internal Market, Mr Guillaume Pitron, journalist and author of a noteworthy essay on rare metals, and Mr Norbert Lins, Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

We look forward to welcoming you to Paris for this meeting, which will allow us, collectively, to enrich the work initiated by the French Presidency. Please accept, Ladies and Gentlemen, our best wishes.

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