

*The President  
of the European Parliament*

Brussels, 016915 30. V. 1996

Mr Seán Treacy, TD  
Ceann Comhairle Dháil Éireann  
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Dear Ceann Comhairle,

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Over recent years, relations between our parliaments have become significantly closer, reflecting a mutual desire to be kept informed of each other's activities by holding frequent, in-depth discussions.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to inform you in particular that the European Parliament's Committee on Institutional Affairs has expressed a desire for closer contacts with the European affairs committees of the national parliaments throughout the proceedings of the Intergovernmental Conference. Please find attached a provisional calendar of the exchanges of views to be held between the European Parliament's representatives at the IGC and the Committee on Institutional Affairs, to which representatives from the national parliaments will be invited.

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The European Parliament's Secretary-General will henceforth send regular updates of the calendar to the clerk of your assembly.

I hope that you and the staff of your assembly will find the calendar useful.

Yours faithfully,

Klaus HÄNSCH

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Mr Liam Naughton  
Cathaoirleach Seanad Éireann  
Leinster House  
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Dear Cathaoirleach,

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 1995 concerning the sending of a representative to the meetings of the European Parliament's Committee on Institutional Affairs at which the Parliament's representatives on the Intergovernmental Conference Reflection Group, Mr Elmar Brok and Ms Elisabeth Guigou, make progress reports on the Group's work.

In your letter you expressed a wish to be kept informed of developments on an on-going basis. So far Mr Brok and Ms Guigou have reported back on two occasions to the European Parliament's Committee on Institutional Affairs. Summary notes are being prepared on the main points covered in these briefings, and these will be translated into all the European Union's official languages. Similar notes will also be prepared on the content of future briefings from our two representatives on the Reflection Group, which will take place in the autumn. The Secretariat of the European Parliament's Committee on Institutional Affairs will send your Secretary-General these notes as soon as they are available.

If you have any further requests or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Klaus HÄNSCH

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Dr. Klaus Hansch,  
The President of the  
European Parliament,  
Strasbourg.

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Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you sincerely for your invitation to me to nominate a Member of Dáil Éireann to attend meetings of the European Parliaments Committee on Institutional Affairs with a view to exchanging views on the preparation for the Intergovernmental Conference to be held in 1996.

Under present arrangements our Joint Committee on European Affairs is kept up to date on developments on the I.G.C. by regular briefings from the Department of Foreign Affairs and in particular, through contact with Mr. Gay Mitchell T.D. Minister of State at that Department, who is Ireland's representative on the Reflection Group.

While the work of the European Parliaments Institutional Affairs Committee on I.G.C. and related matters is undoubtedly of great value I believe that there is no great advantage in nominating a representative to attend the monthly meetings of the Committee in Brussels at this time.

Nevertheless, it would be much appreciated if the European Parliament Secretariat could keep our Secretary-General informed of developments on an on-going basis.

I look forward to meeting you on the occasion of your visit to Ireland next month.

Yours sincerely,

Seán Treacy T.D.  
Ceann Comhairle

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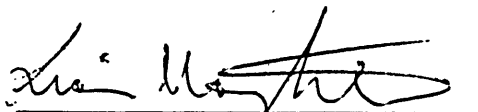
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Leas-Chathaoirleach

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