

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chairman

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To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Brussels, 24 November 2020

Honourable Chairperson,

According to Article 85 TFEU and Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 on the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) an annual joint evaluation of Eurojust's activities by the European Parliament and National Parliaments should be organised by the European Parliament in the framework of an interparliamentary committee meeting held in Brussels, with the participation of members of the competent committees of the European Parliament and of the National Parliaments.

Given that almost one year has lapsed since the application of the new Eurojust Regulation, which started on 12 December 2019 and the obligations, under Article 85 TFEU and the Regulation, to organise such meeting in order to provide for parliamentary oversight we would like to invite you to the evaluation interparliamentary committee meeting. The legal and logistical issues brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as other recent developments in the area of judicial cooperation, such as radicalisation, terrorism and cybercrime, are further compelling reasons to hold an exchange between Eurojust and the European Parliament and National Parliaments

Against this background, and considering the importance of this issue, the LIBE Committee in cooperation with German Bundestag and Bundesrat would like to invite Members of National Parliaments to the interparliamentary committee meeting on "The evaluation of Eurojust activities". Taking fully into account the logistical constraints of the European Parliament, the meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, 1 December 2020, from 14.45 to 15.45 and 16.45 to 18.-45, in the European Parliament premises in Brussels.

The topics to be addressed include the impact of the COVID-19-pandemic on judicial cooperation between the Member States, cooperation with third countries including with the United Kingdom, Eurojust's new mandate and activities, and cooperation between Eurojust and the newly created European Public Prosecution Office.

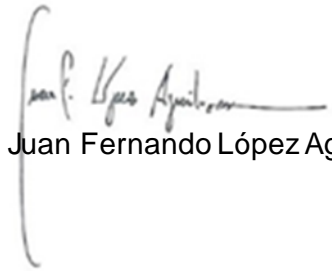
I am therefore pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting. Due to the measures related to the Covid-19 pandemic, exceptionally the meeting will take place by remote participation.

Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Practical and technical details concerning the connection regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and I am looking forward to your participation in this event on 1 December 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan F. López Aguilar', enclosed within a large, thin, hand-drawn bracket shape.

Juan Fernando López Aguilar