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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to inform you that at its 57th meeting of 22 March 2013, during the discussion of the item "Towards a deep and genuine Economic and Monetary Union – democratic legitimacy and accountability of the process", the Committee on EU Affairs discussed key documents of EU institutions relating to the development of the economic and monetary union. The basis for debate was the Commission Communication "A blueprint for a deep and genuine economic union – launching a European debate", published by the Commission on 30 November 2012.

Following an in-depth and political debate involving, in addition to the members of the Committee, also representatives of the Government, of the European Commission Representation in Slovenia, of the Bank of Slovenia and experts in EU law and economy, the deputies adopted decisions that we are enclosing herewith within the framework of political dialogue.

The debate focused on providing democratic legitimacy and accountability as well as on respecting the role of national parliaments in the process of creating a deep and genuine economic and monetary union and preserving the existing institutional structures for interparliamentary cooperation, which have been successfully operating in a more or less formalised way.

The committee adopted the following decisions:

In the light of the economic, financial and banking crisis and the current economic recession, the Committee on EU Affairs welcomes all the incentives and measures aimed at shaping a deep and genuine Economic and Monetary Union. In such union the Committee sees the possibility to attain the objectives of the European Union and

the Member States, particularly those related to preserving the European social model, by introducing at the same time the reforms which need to be effected in order to overcome the current crisis, to create new and quality jobs and to restore growth and stability of the economy.

The Committee welcomes the agreement on the single supervisory mechanism reached in December 2012 at the Council of the European Union. At the same time, it expects that the agreement on legislative proposals in the field of managing capital requirements for banks, the harmonisation of the national deposit-guarantee schemes and the national frameworks for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment companies will be approved as soon as possible.

The Committee welcomes the announced single resolution mechanism for Member States cooperating in the single supervisory mechanism. In such regard, it expects that at the EU level a mechanism based on the financing by financial industry will be shaped, protecting the taxpayers from the burdening related to the resolution of banking crises. The Committee also supports the Government' efforts to supplement the single resolution mechanism with a joint deposit-guarantee scheme and encourages it to engage in further activities in order to attain this objective.

The Committee supports the proposal concerning the ex ante coordination of major economic reforms between the Member States, however, this should be limited to the strengthening of prior consultation on those national reforms which also affect other Member States.

The Committee supports the creation of the Convergence and Competitiveness Instrument which would offer the possibility of targeted financial incentives for the implementation of structural reforms on the basis of contractual relations between the Member States. The Committee is also favourably inclined to the establishment of a fiscal capacity fund that would mitigate the negative fiscal consequences of the successfully effected structural reforms.

The Committee welcomes the involvement of the European Parliament in the formation of a deep and genuine Economic and Monetary Union, however, it emphasizes that in such process and also after its establishment, the national parliaments should preserve key competences in such area, particularly since the budget policy is one of their key powers.

The Committee wishes to be fully included in the European semester. Therefore, it expects from the Government to submit the National Reform Programme and the Stability Programme to the National Assembly in due time, so that the working bodies responsible and the competent committee will be able to discuss them. The Committee also wishes to be included in the discussion of the draft recommendations to the Council of the European Union, prepared by the Commission on the basis of the said national reports, and in the procedure of harmonising the recommendations before they are approved by the Council of the European Union.

In relation to Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union, stipulating that the European Parliament and the national parliaments of the contracting parties will together determine the organisation and promotion of a conference of representatives of the relevant committees of the European Parliament and representatives of relevant committees of the national parliaments in order to discuss budgetary policies and other issues covered by the Treaty, believes that the conference should be organised within the existing structures. Therefore, the Committee proposes that, at the Conference of Speakers of the

Parliaments of the EU and in the framework of interparliamentary meetings which will discuss this issue, the National Assembly advocates the position that such meeting be organised within the scope of meetings of the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), whereby the duration of its meetings should be institutionally arranged. The determination of the composition of delegations for such meeting should remain within the competence of each national parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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