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Interparliamentary meeting on the EPPO

**Assemblée nationale,
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Common declaration on the

proposal for a Council regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (COM[2013] 534), signed in their own name by members of national parliaments of the European Union.

The representatives of three national parliaments (the House of Representatives of the Netherlands, the House of Commons of the United Kingdom and the Swedish Riksdag, attending the meeting) didn't wish to sign this common position.

Members of Parliament from 16 national parliaments' chambers of the European Union met on September 17th, 2014 at the National Assembly to review this proposal for a Council regulation.

The establishment of a European Public Prosecutor's Office, to reinforce the fight against financial crime affecting the European Union's financial interests, which is made possible by Article 86 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, should be supported and should fully take into account the positions and fundamental principles supported by the national parliaments.

The proposal for a Council regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (COM[2013] 534) was largely debated within the national parliaments and was the subject of a "yellow card" procedure in respect of the subsidiarity procedure, 14 chambers having judged that the proposal doesn't comply with the principle of subsidiarity.

The signatories of this common position consider that the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) should be established under a collegial structure, composed of national members drawn from their respective judicial systems. The EPPO shouldn't have exclusive competence, but shared competence with the judicial authorities of the Member States, combined with a general right of evocation. Several key provisions of the proposal for a regulation, such as the judicial review of EPPO's investigation and prosecution's acts, the admissibility of evidence and the rules on prescription periods are lacunar and must be subject to a more thorough work.

It should be emphasized that the work of the Council of the European Union under the Greek Presidency is heading in the right direction and that it is desirable that the work continue under the Italian Presidency. Ongoing negotiations should have to ensure the independence, the efficiency and the added-value of the EPPO.

NAME OF THE SIGNATORIES:

- Luminița-Pachel ADAM, Chamber of Deputies of Romania,
- Vilija ALEKNAITĖ ABRAMIKIENĖ, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,
- Marc ANGEL, Chamber of Deputies of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg,
- Danielle AUROI, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Vannino CHITI, Senate of the Italian Republic,
- Johannes FECHNER, Bundestag of the German Federal Republic,
- Christian FÜLLER, Federal Council of the Austrian Republic
- Marietta KARAMANLI, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Josip KREGAR, Croatian Parliament,
- Renate KÜNST, Bundestag of the German Federal Republic,
- Jérôme LAMBERT, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Charles de LA VERPILLIÈRE, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Pierre LEQUILLER, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Viviane LOSCHETTER, Chamber of Deputies of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg,
- Marie-Christine MARGHEM, Chamber of Deputies of the Kingdom of Belgium,
- Bogdan NICULESCU DUVĂZ, Chamber of Deputies of Romania,
- Joaquim PUEYO, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Patrick SENSBURG, Bundestag of the German Federal Republic,
- Michaela STEINACKER, National Council of the Austrian Republic,
- Jean-Pierre SUEUR, Senate of the French Republic,
- Volker ULLRICH, Bundestag of the German Federal Republic,
- Jean-Jacques URVOAS, National Assembly of the French Republic,
- Kyriakos VIRVIDAKIS, Greek Parliament,
- Veli YÜKSEL, Chamber of Deputies of the Kingdom of Belgium.,