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Follow up to the investigations of CIA illegal activities in Europe

Civil Liberties Committee political group co-ordinators today unanimously decided to create a formal **working group** which will decide how Civil Liberties Committee MEPs should follow up last year's investigations of CIA flights and illegal detention centres in Europe by the TDIP temporary committee. This group will be co-chaired by **Carlos COELHO** (EPP-ED, PT) and **Claudio FAVA** (PES, IT) and will include a shadow MEP from each political group.

The working group will evaluate how the European institutions (like the Council and the European Commission) and the Member States implemented the European Parliament's recommendations, and will propose what steps Parliament should take to follow up on this evaluation. It will also consider all the new information recently disclosed on CIA activities in Europe. The group's assessment will be submitted to the Civil Liberties Committee before the summer recess.

The final report of the TDIP temporary committee set up in 2006 to investigate CIA illegal activities in Europe was approved by the European Parliament on 14.02.2007. Paragraph 232 of Parliament's resolution instructs the Civil Liberties Committee *"to follow up politically the proceedings of the Temporary Committee and to monitor the developments, and in particular, in the event that no appropriate action has been taken by the Council and/or the Commission, to determine whether there is a clear risk of a serious breach of the principles and values on which the European Union is based, and to recommend to it any resolution, taking as a basis Articles 6 and 7 of the Treaty on European Union, which may prove necessary in this context"*.

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