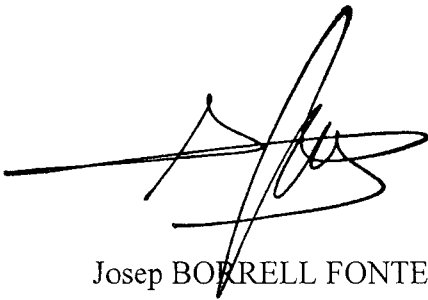


When the Conference of Presidents held its first brief exchange of views on the matter at its meeting of 8 June 2006 it reached the preliminary conclusions that, firstly, precipitate decisions should be avoided and, secondly, Parliament should fully be kept involved in the process aiming at the replacement of the annulled decisions.

It is also of highest importance that all Institutions reach soon an agreement on the Framework decision on data protection in the third pillar. Parliament shall adopt next week in Strasbourg Mrs Roure's report⁽¹⁾ on this issue and we expect the Presidency of Council to commit itself to adopting rapidly this crucial piece of legislation as agreed at the end of 2005 when the data retention directive was negotiated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Josep BORRELL FONTELLES

¹ Report A6-0192/2006 on the proposal for a Council framework decision on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial co-operation in criminal matters (COM(2005)0475 – C6 0436/2005 – 2005/0202(CNS))