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Delegations will find in annex a letter from the European Parliament – the Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs addressed to H.E. Willem VAN DE VOORDE, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union concerning information on the Operational Coordination Mechanism for the External Dimension of Migration (MOCADDEM).

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**Subject:** Follow up to my request for information on the Operational Coordination Mechanism for the External Dimension of Migration (MOCADDEM)

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you as follow up to my letter of 24 July 2023, addressed to Ambassador Alonso Alonso during the Spanish Presidency of the Council, and to which I have unfortunately received no reply yet.

I would like to reiterate the LIBE Committee's request for information on the Operational Coordination Mechanism for the External Dimension of Migration (MOCADDEM), including on its functioning and its action plans.

Since its creation by Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/60 of 12 January 2022, the MOCADDEM, under the direction of the Council Presidency and the strategic direction of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (Coreper), has been responsible for the operational coordination of the European Union's external migration policies. Under Article 3 of this Decision, the European Commission services and the European External Action Service (EEAS), as well as interested Member States, participate in MOCADDEM roundtables. However, so far the LIBE committee has not been granted access to documents and information related to the actions plans developed by the MOCADDEM.

As the committee responsible for asylum and migration in the European Parliament, LIBE should receive relevant documents and information regarding the MOCADDEM, given the LIBE competences in the field and the principle of sincere cooperation between institutions.

Taking into account the repeated interest expressed by LIBE Coordinators on this topic, I therefore kindly reiterate my request that the Council Presidency provide LIBE with documents and detailed information on the action plans it has developed, the roundtables it has coordinated in the context of the MOCADDEM, MOCADDEM's working methods and current work plan(s), minutes of previous meetings, meetings and planned activities over the course of the Spanish and Belgian presidencies and future presidencies, and any other matters that will enable LIBE to engage meaningfully with the work of MOCADDEM.

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Given the participation of the Commission in MOCADDEM, let me recall Article 9 of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission<sup>1</sup>, which guarantees that the basic principle of equal treatment for Parliament and the Council will be applied, especially as regards access to meetings and the provision of contributions or other information, in particular on legislative and budgetary matters.

Furthermore, LIBE Coordinators would also like to reiterate their invitation to the Council Presidency to hold an exchange of views with members of the LIBE Committee on the functioning of the MOCADDEM, the plans it develops, and the scrutiny role of the European Parliament.

I consider that your cooperation and timely reaction to this request would benefit transparency and accountability, values that are at the heart of the European Union's actions. Therefore, I thank you in advance for providing LIBE Coordinators with the requested documents and information.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission L 304/47.