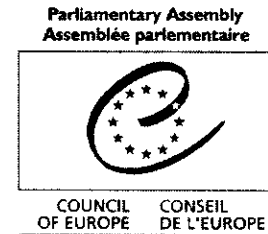


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The Chairperson

27 February 2006

Dear Mr Coelho,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2006 and for the kind reception you extended to me and the members of my secretariat in Brussels last week.

In my dual capacity as Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (AS/Jur) and rapporteur on alleged secret detentions in Council of Europe member States, I place great value on my excellent working relationship with you as the Chairman of the "Temporary Committee on Alleged use of European Countries by the CIA for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners" (TDIP) in the European Parliament.

Our next AS/Jur Committee meeting will take place in Paris on 13 March 2006 (Room Lamartine, French National Assembly, 101 rue de l'Université, Paris 7^e). We are scheduled to discuss the issue of alleged secret detentions between 11h45 and 13h00. In addition to my own oral statement, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Terry Davis, will brief the Committee on the replies he has received from all 46 Contracting States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) following his recent Article 52 request.

I would like to invite you and the TDIP rapporteur Mr Claudio Fava to attend our discussion on 13 March 2006 and to take part in an exchange of views with the AS/Jur Committee members.

Further, I would like to extend an open invitation to the members of the TDIP to attend all future AS/Jur Committee meetings at which an item relating to "alleged secret detentions" appears on the agenda. I will ensure that you are informed of all such meetings in advance.

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Mr Carlos COELHO
Chairperson of the TDIP Temporary Committee
European Parliament

Turning to the question of sharing information, I wish to acknowledge your three specific requests to the Council of Europe and I assure you that I will undertake the appropriate follow-up action in the coming days, in conjunction with my secretariat.

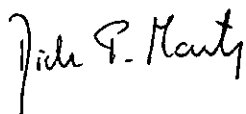
First, with regard to the replies from States under the Article 52 ECHR procedure, I shall ask the Secretary General, Mr Davis, to make the replies available to you at the earliest possible opportunity. As you may be aware, Mr Davis has called a press conference on Wednesday, 1 March 2006, at which he will make a statement about these replies.

Second, please note that our assessment of the data received from Eurocontrol and the European Union Satellite Centre is not yet complete. We are still engaged in a detailed technical analysis of the material and we have yet to draw any conclusions that we can share with the members of the TDIP.

Finally, we anticipate that the Legal Opinion from the Venice Commission will be made available to us in the week ending 18 March 2006. I will provide you with a further update on this issue as soon as the AS/Jur Committee members have reviewed the opinion and agreed to transmit it to the TDIP.

I look forward to maintaining the strong co-operation between our committees as we continue to pursue our work in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick P. Marty". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dick Marty