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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR ITALIANER,
SECRETARY GENERAL**

Subject: State of play on the future Joint Legislative Portal

In the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making¹ of 13 April 2016, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission committed themselves to working on the establishment of a dedicated joint database on the state of play on legislative files, with a view to making the legislative process easier to follow and more transparent to non-specialist audiences.

In its reply to the Ombudsman on 16 December 2016 (Case **OI/8/2015/JAS**) regarding the transparency of the trilogue process, the Commission, in line with the positions taken by the co-legislators in their parallel replies, envisaged the future joint database as a central tool for putting into practice the steps proposed to increase transparency.

A series of meetings at service level between the three institutions led to a draft concept paper, with Parliament's services taking the lead in drafting. You consulted the other Commission services concerned (note referenced ARES(2017)1893509 of 10 April 2017). All consulted supported the general outlines of the project.

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¹ Point 39; "*In order to facilitate traceability of the various steps in the legislative process, the three Institutions undertake to identify, by 31 December 2016, ways of further developing platforms and tools to that end, with a view to establishing a dedicated joint database on the state of play of legislative files.*"

On the basis both of their responses and on analysis within the Secretariat General, comments were delivered to Parliament. In our view, the attached revised edition takes sufficient account of the concerns raised and provides a basis for moving forward with the specification of the project, which would also allow an estimate to be made of the financial implications. If you agree, we will mark the Commission services agreement to the concept paper.

In that second stage, together with the cost estimation, a decision needs to be taken on who should be the system owner and system provider of the project. Parliament is willing to take a lead role, but the task could also be given to the Publications Office, which would have a certain logic given it is already an inter-institutional body and this is an inter-institutional project; for the moment none of these two options has been discarded. It is not proposed that the Commission should take a lead role.

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