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Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar President of the LIBE Committee (by e-mail)

"Taking on the Data Retention Directive"

2010 Data Retention Conference

Friday 3 December 2010

Le Résidence Palace et le Centre de Presse international (IPC) Rue de la Loi, 155 – Bloc C, 1040 Bruxelles

> 9:30 - 17:00 Registration opens at 9:00

Buffet Dinner Thursday 2 December – 19:15 – 22:00

Dear Mr López Aguilar, Quilido Aviduite

On 14 May 2009 the Commission organised a conference on issues surrounding the implementation and evaluation of the Data Retention Directive (2006/24/EC). The evaluation is now nearing its completion. The Commission would like to invite you to a conference that it will organise on 3 December 2010 to discuss the status of the evaluation and certain issues related to the review of the Directive.

The overall purpose of the conference is to examine data retention as it developed since the Directive entered into force on 15 September 2007 from different perspectives.

The Commission would like to discuss the following issues:

- Overall purpose of data retention;
- Scope (data coverage);
- Data retention periods;

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- Definition of serious crime;
- Authorities with access;
- Modalities of access and cross-border transfer;
- Operators under retention obligations;
- Cost reimbursement;
- Data security.

The conclusions of the conference can provide valuable input for the conclusions that the Commission will draw from the evaluation of the Directive and prepare the stage for reviewing this instrument.

To ensure a balanced discussion, it is important that representatives of civil society organisations, data protection authorities, the electronic communications industry and law enforcement authorities participate in the meeting.

You are invited to confirm your participation in the conference and the dinner organised on the eve of the conference, by no later than 16 November via the dedicated website http://www.dataretention2010.net

Due to limited room capacity, we may need to limit the final number of participants from any one organisation. We will inform you if this becomes necessary.

Further information about the conference will be posted on <u>http://www.dataretention2010.net</u>

Interpretation will be provided into and from English, French, German, Spanish and Italian.

Yours sincerely,

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Stefano Manservisi

Enclosure:

Draft Programme for the Data Retention Conference "Facing up to Data Retention", Brussels, 25 November 2010

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