

The President

Dear Speaker,
Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the European Union faces migration challenges of such magnitude that they jeopardise our ability to address them. These challenges will probably be one of the dominant themes of the 2019 European electoral campaign, as already demonstrated in recent national elections and referenda. I am convinced that we need to demonstrate strong and ambitious European leadership on an issue that is central concern for our citizens.

The European Parliament is committed to acting effectively upon the Rome Declaration, which prioritises “a Europe in which citizens are safe and can travel freely; a Europe with secure external borders and a responsible, sustainable migration policy that complies with international standards; and a Europe that is determined to fight terrorism and organised crime”.

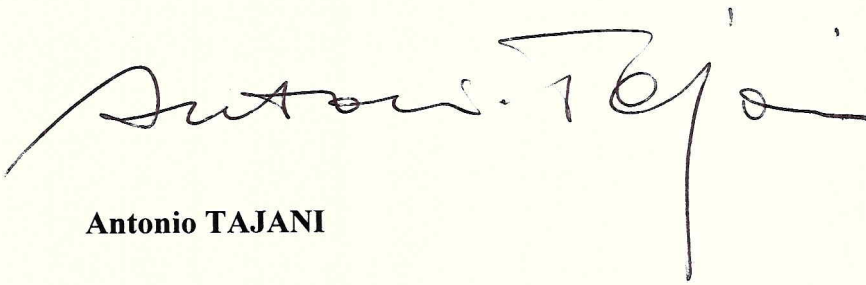
Over the next two years, the European Union (institutions, Member States, national Parliaments, EU agencies) should mobilise its resources and have its legislative, diplomatic, financial, security and humanitarian instruments drive a global strategy. Its objective would be to manage and stem migration flows and ensure safety, stability and prosperity at our borders and ultimately for our citizens.

To this end, a high-level conference dedicated to migration management will be organised on 21 June 2017. It is organised with the support of the relevant parliamentary committees that focus on migration, rapporteurs on key files, committee members and stakeholders including members of national Parliaments, EU and international agencies, experts and universities.

The purpose of the conference is to find viable solutions on the migration crisis and deliver on the expectations of European citizens. It will bring together political leaders, policymakers and practitioners, and address responsibility sharing among member states, securing the external borders, tackling the root causes of migration as well as ensuring a stable and prosperous socio-economic environment in third countries.

I would be grateful if you could send representatives of your Parliament/Chamber to join the conference on a matter of outmost importance for our citizens. Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Tajani'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Antonio TAJANI