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Committee on Legal Affairs
The Chair

Subcommittee on Human Rights
The Chair

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Subject: Invitation to joint interparliamentary committee meeting on “Universal Jurisdiction - improving accountability for serious international crimes” on 28 November 2022

Dear Chair,

We are pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) and the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) will jointly organise a hybrid interparliamentary committee meeting with National Parliaments on 28 November 2022 from 16:30 to 18:30 on “Universal Jurisdiction - improving accountability for serious international crimes”.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss to what extent universal jurisdiction can play a role as part of a wider accountability strategy, complementary to international courts and prosecutions on other jurisdictional bases.

The DROI and JURI Committees would like to invite Members of National Parliaments, in particular Members of committees responsible for legal affairs, to this meeting in order to share their views and experience. We kindly ask that Members of National Parliaments give a short 2 minutes presentation on their national legislation on universal jurisdiction, as well as possible on best practices at national level, notably to overcome impunity gaps and to promote the principle of universal jurisdiction worldwide.

The meeting will be organised in hybrid format: Members of National Parliaments can decide whether to attend the meeting in Brussels, or remotely. Further practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to the representative of your Parliament, responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament, physically or remotely, on 28 November 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: David McAllister, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
Bernd Lange, Chair of the Committee on International Trade