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Honourable Chair,

I would like to thank for the fruitful exchange we had on the situation in Greece. As I informed you last week, I will keep you regularly updated about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the functioning of the Schengen area and of the migration and asylum system.

In addition to the continued exchange and cooperation to address these unprecedented challenges, it is equally important that we continue to make progress our legislative agenda. Indeed, some of the key legislative proposals of the Commission aim to address urgent challenges in the area of security and migration. In this context, I regret that the calendar that the European Parliament adopted for 2020 in response to the COVID-19 virus does not foresee any Committee meetings for the rest of the month of April. Our recent meeting has demonstrated the possibility to hold remote meetings.

For instance, I believe that it is of the utmost importance that the European Parliament and the Council reach a balanced and operational agreement on the proposal to fight against Terrorist Content Online. This is a file of key importance as it will effectively prevent the dissemination of terrorist content online, while fully safeguarding fundamental rights. The fight against terrorist content online remains very much a challenge today, even during this COVID-19 health crisis, and should not be delayed. I hope that a next trilogic on this file can be scheduled very soon. The Commission stands ready to facilitate the reaching of a final agreement.

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To continue with the legislative work of the European Parliament and the Council and to avoid unnecessary delays in the adoption of key files, I would be grateful if you could explore the possibility with the Members of LIBE Committee to schedule some trilogues and technical meetings via videoconferences. I would also welcome if you could share with me information on how and on which files the LIBE Committee will continue its work. I copy the Croatian Presidency of the Council for this purpose.

Please be assured that I stand ready to continue our important legislative work and that I am flexible to adapt our interinstitutional exchanges where necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. W. K.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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