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Subject Information on the ratification process regarding the transitional provisions concerning the composition of the European Parliament for the rest of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term

Dear mister C.,

Thank you for your letter of 8 October 2010 in which you inquire about the state of play regarding the ratification of Protocol 36 concerning transitional provisions on the composition of the European Parliament for the rest of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term.

The Netherlands House of Representatives has requested me to answer your letter on its behalf.

The Netherlands are currently in the process of ratifying Protocol 36. The government expects to send the proposal for ratification of the Protocol to Parliament in January 2011. Normally this would mean that the ratification process can be completed by the end of February 2011.

I wish you all the best with your future endeavours and hope that you will indeed be able to take up your seat in the European Parliament shortly.

Yours sincerely,

The minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations,
J.P.H. Donner