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Re: Access rights to the European Parliament for Interest Group Representatives

Dear Sir,

As you are aware since earlier this year the European Parliament has been providing daily access cards to accredited Interest Group Representatives wishing to enter the Parliament's premises.

Moreover, under the provisions of the European Commission/European Parliament Joint Transparency Register launched on 23 June last, Interest Group Representatives are required to accede to the Register prior to requesting new access rights to the European Parliament. Given the large volume of inscriptions to the Joint Register combined with the demand for new access rights, many Interest Group Representatives have found themselves in the position that their previous access rights to the European Parliament have expired before their applications for new access rights have been processed.

In response to this situation it has been agreed to extend, until 31 December 2011, the access rights to the European Parliament for all accredited Interest Group Representatives whose access rights have expired in the course of 2011. This measure will permit these representatives to continue to request daily access cards from the designated reception desk at the Simone Veil Agora entrance to the Altiero Spinelli building. At the same time it will also allow Parliament's services sufficient time to process applications for new access rights.

I would be grateful if you could draw this information to the attention of your members.

Yours sincerely

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