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Dear colleagues,

At the last session of the ASGP in Geneva (16-18 October 2006) we spent part of our time on the question of relations between Parliament and the media.

As everyone recognises, this is an essential question for our institutions which are at the heart of democratic society, but the activities of which are sometimes confidential: confident co-operation with the media, based on transparency and respect, is necessary for ensuring that Parliamentary work is given the attention which it deserves.

The abundance and diversity of the contributions presented in the course of the debate on the subject, which I had the honour to moderate, have made me to want to examine matters in greater depth by way of a questionnaire in both English and French; these will form the basis of a Report.

I very much hope that you will be able to send me your responses before the 30th of March 2007.

I look forward to seeing you all again. In the meantime, please accept my best regards.



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