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## **INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION**

**Speech by Mrs. Katalin Szili,  
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(Transcript)**

Thank you very much, dear President, dear colleagues,

First of all, I would like to make a remark. Speaker Mejdahl was right; I agree with him in what he said about equal treatment in the European Parliament. I think that in this respect we should support this principle. Dear friends, the basis for the interparliamentary cooperation is laid down in the Hague guidelines. The Athens Group did a good work, a good job; and I would like to express my gratitude to the Parliament of the Slovak Republic for the work it did for the improvement of the cooperation. Well, it is a good idea, as my colleagues have already put it, in terms of the language regime, but we need further reforms. We need more practical improvements; we should focus on practical issues, and of course we should improve transparency as well. And we should fix a time for our meetings, because it would enable us to plan in a better and more reliable way. And in terms of planning of our agenda, we would need more reliability and in setting priorities we should be more effective, we need more practical contents in the cooperation.

Dear colleagues, well as far as the Hague guidelines are concerned, I would be very careful as far as the revision is concerned, because in the past three years, we did not have the time to accomplish what we had set down in the Hague guidelines and of course some minor corrections could be necessary in the Hague guidelines but first of all we should express clearly what fulfilment means, what we should do for the purposes, which we had formulated in the Hague, and I am ready for the cooperation.

Thank you very much.