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President of the European Commission

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Subject: *Proposal for a Directive on the patentability of computer-implemented inventions COD/2002/0047*

Dear President,

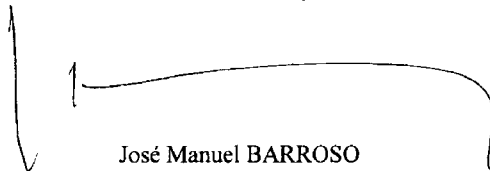
Thank you for your letter received 24th February 2005 formally inviting the Commission to submit a new proposal as requested by the Legal Affairs Committee under Article 55 of the European Parliament's rules of procedure.

At this stage in the co-decision procedure, and having supported the political agreement reached in the Council on 18 May 2004, the Commission does not intend to refer a new proposal to Parliament and Council. Indeed the Commission is expecting the Council to formalise the political agreement as a common position as soon as possible, so that discussion may continue during the next phase of the co-decision procedure according to Article 251 of the Treaty.

It stands ready, in the course of the second reading, to review all the arguments and positions expressed and respond accordingly.

I look forward to our further collaboration on this important file.

Yours sincerely,



José Manuel BARROSO

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President of the European Parliament