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Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – Mr. President, I voted in favour of the proposal of the European Parliament because any person anywhere in the EU people will have the right of access to a lawyer as soon as possible after the moment they are questioned by the police or deprived of their liberty in order to be able to exercise their rights of defence. I believe that all European citizens must have the security to benefit from the same guarantees in all Member States. In addition, thanks to this proposal, in a change to the current proceedings in many EU countries, the suspect or detainee's lawyer will be entitled to play an active role and intervene during the questioning, also for people suspected of being involved in terrorist activity.

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