

Parliamentary **Assembly** **Assemblée** parlementaire

Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs
Commission de l'environnement, de l'agriculture et des questions territoriales



Strasbourg, 12 August 2005

Dear Madam /Sir,

The Parliamentary Assembly (Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs) is co-organising a two-day **Conference on 'Water management: A shared responsibility' on 20-21 October 2005 in Strasbourg, France** with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and in co-operation with the Directorate-General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe. The conference is organised within the framework of the European Solidarity Week for Water on 17-21 October 2005.

In particular, the Conference will address water management as a challenge for local, regional and national decision-makers, including Members of Parliament. The Conference will also look into current water management issues, regional, parliamentary and European co-operation in the field of water resources. A final Declaration will be issued as a European input into the 4th World Water Forum - 'Local Actions for a Global Challenge' - which will be held in Mexico City in March 2006.

Given the importance of the issue and the crucial role played by Parliamentarians, I am very pleased to invite you (or your representative and/or other interested Members of Parliament) to take part in the Conference. During the Conference, interpretation will be provided into English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

Please find enclosed the draft programme and a participation form, which should be returned to Ms Hazel Bastier (tel. +33 3 88 41 30 93, fax: +33 3 88 41 27 17, e mail: hazel.bastier@coe.int) **before 30 September 2005**.

Ms Carolina Lasén Díaz, Co-Secretary of the Committee (tel. +33 3 88 41 37 16, fax: +33 3 88 41 27 17, e-mail: carolina.lasen-diaz@coe.int) remains at your disposal for any further information.

In the hope that you can accept this invitation, I remain,

Yours faithfully,



Walter Schmied
Chairman