



REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH
Parlament

Madam Chair!

Mr. Chairman!

We take pleasure in inviting you to the Conference of Chairpersons of the Environment Committees of the national parliaments of the EU Member States and the European Parliament, which will take place on Friday, 16 June 2006, in the Austrian Parliament. The conference is scheduled to start on 16 June at 9:00 a.m. and will end at about 6:00 p.m. Moreover, we would request the pleasure of your company at a reception on the eve of the conference.

Given the growing dependence of the European Union on energy imports, the challenges of combating climate change and the need to reduce air pollutant emissions, we have to reconsider our energy policy. Intelligent strategies aimed at securing a sustainable energy supply for Europe, with due consideration given to ecological, social and economic criteria, is a matter of high priority for the coming decades. The conference will try and contribute to the elaboration of such strategies. Josef Pröll, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management, as well as a number of distinguished experts have already agreed to attend the conference.

The draft agenda will soon be available for downloading from our website under www.parlament.gv.at. Registration and hotel reservation forms are enclosed with this letter and can also be downloaded from the website.



The Chairwoman of the Environment Committee of the Austrian National Council, whose baby is due just before the date of our meeting, will not be able to participate in the conference and will be represented by Karlheinz Kopf, Deputy Chairman of the Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you in Vienna, we remain

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Eva Glawischnig-Piesczek
Chairwoman of the Environment Committee
of the National Council

Karl Boden
Chairman of the Environment Committee
of the Federal Council