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Dear Parliamentarian,

By means of this letter, we would like to inform you about the activities of the Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE) in Europe and invite you to become a member.

GLOBE Europe is an information network of National Parliamentarians working together across political party and country lines to enhance sustainable development and support the protection of the environment and biodiversity. GLOBE Europe started as an offshoot of GLOBE EU, the network of MEPs, in 1994. Currently, GLOBE Europe is an organisation in its own right aimed at informing National Parliamentarians on European decision-making on sustainable development issues and to create a platform for discussion between national parliaments and with the European Parliament, periodically organizing conferences and by providing a forum on the Internet. GLOBE Europe focusses on reporting on the activities of the European Parliament's Committees on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety; Industry, Research and Energy; Agriculture and Rural Development; the Development Committee; the Committee on Regional Development and the Fisheries Committee. We highlight topics of interest to our Members which are discussed within these committees and keep them up to date with relevant legislative procedures.

To the extent possible, we try to involve National Parliamentarians and NGOs in the European legislative process on all these issues. In cooperation with GLOBE EU, we bring national Members from our network into contact with GLOBE EU MEP's.

If you are interested, please fill in the enclosed membership form and fax it to 0032 2 230 6589. If you would like any further information on GLOBE Europe do not hesitate to contact its Secretariat by telephone at the same number 0032 2 230 6589.

Hoping to welcome you as a member in our network,  
We remain respectfully yours,

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Francois Roelants du Vivier

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Introduction to the GLOBE Europe Network

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### **GLOBE Europe: Short Description**

GLOBE Europe is an information network with approximately 250 National Parliamentarians (Members) from the 25 EU members states and 250 representatives from national environmental NGOs, ministries, and scientific institutions (Contacts) who are environmentally orientated. GLOBE Europe started as an offshoot of GLOBE EU, the network of members of the European Parliament (MEPs,) in 1994.

Currently, GLOBE Europe is an organisation in its own right and its Secretariat is aimed at informing their Members and Contacts on European decision-making on environmental and sustainability issues and to create a platform for discussion between national parliaments and with the European Parliament, periodically organizing conferences and by providing a forum on the Internet. It furthermore focusses on reporting on the activities of the European Parliament's Committees on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety; Industry, Research and Energy; Agriculture and Rural Development; the Development Committee; the Committee on Regional Development and the Fisheries Committee. At last it focusses on the Council on Environment, the Council on Energy, the workprogramme of the European Commission. Topics of interest which are discussed within these Committees or Councils are highlighted to GLOBE Europe Members and Contacts as well as keeping them up to date with relevant legislative procedures.

To the extent possible, its Secretariat tries to involve their Members (National Parliamentarians) and Contacts (NGOs, ministries and scientific institutions) in the European legislative process on all these issues .

In cooperation with GLOBE EU, its Secretariat brings Members from GLOBE Europe's network into contact with GLOBE EU MEP's .

Since it was founded GLOBE Europe has been working on issues as e.g. 'Sustainable Development of the Danube River Valley', 'Integration of Environmental Concerns into all Policy Areas', 'European Strategies for the WSSD in Johannesburg' and 'Sustainable Energy Policies in the Enlargement Countries'.

In particular, GLOBE Europe Members have been very actively involved in the discussion on Climate Change Mitigation Measures, Animal Welfare and Protection of Biodiversity, as well as Public Participation and Access to Environmental Information.

## **GLOBE Europe: Background and some highlights in its history**

### ***1989.***

GLOBE, the Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment is a unique example amongst NGOs. In the late 1980's, in an otherwise internationally well organised and active environmental movement, the need for a global alliance of legislators was manifest. This need was not met until GLOBE came on the scene in 1989.

### ***1990.***

By May of 1990, GLOBE's European secretariat was established in Brussels under the responsibility of Francois Roelants du Vivier. Keen to avoid bureaucracy, the organisation made a deliberate choice to keeping its administration small, while emphasis was given to the quick transmission of information to every Member. At a time when e-mail was all but unknown, the organisation was thus one of the first to use electronic mail on a large scale.

### ***1992.***

With the conference 'Our Common European Garden' in 1992 in Strasbourg GLOBE EU, an organisation of members of the European Parliament within the framework of the international organisation of Parliamentarians, GLOBE International, started the European Network comprising members of Parliaments (MPs) from the New Democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and from the other national Parliaments of the Council of Europe countries.

### ***1994.***

Rich in many other important events such as the Conference of Lisbon on Euro-American environmental policies, 1994 was also the year when the 'GLOBE Europe Network' project was launched in earnest. The three year project to establish a network of environmentally orientated members of national parliaments benefitted from an elaborate information strategy as a result of its regular meetings, publications and communication by electronic mail. GLOBE Europe was soon to become a key player in environmental debate, in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) at first, in national parliaments of Western Europe thereafter.

### ***1995.***

#### **Mochove, Slovakia**

GLOBE EU MEPs and GLOBE Europe Members worked together efficiently to prevent the funding of a nuclear power plant at Mochove, Slovakia, by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). A strong European Parliament resolution, largely inspired by GLOBE EU and the mobilisation of GLOBE Europe Members in Slovakia, Austria and neighbouring countries, led the Slovak representative at the EBRD to request a postponement of the decision on funding. It is unfortunate however, that the government succeeded in obtaining alternative funding to complete the power station.

#### **Sofia, Romania**

The 1995 Sofia Ministerial Conference of the 'Environment for Europe' process was GLOBE Europe's priority, with emphasis on such issues as access to information and public participation, energy policies in Europe, the implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for CEE or finance and the environment.

By this time GLOBE Europe became a full partner in European policy-making and had an official delegation in its own right.

**1996.**

Budapest, Hungary

A statement jointly adopted by NGOs and parliamentarians at a conference in Budapest established a range of priorities for GLOBE Europe which were implemented with all the more vigour as they represented an agreement between parliamentary as well as non-governmental environmentalists. These included the adaptation of legislation in CEE to EU standards in favour of sustainable development.

**1997.**

Kyoto, Japan

The campaign for the Kyoto Protocol is one of the most significant ever organised by GLOBE Europe and GLOBE EU. By organising conferences, sending a 'parliamentary alert' to all the 12000 elected national parliamentarians of Europe and regular exchange of information within the GLOBE EU and GLOBE Europe network, it is only fair to credit GLOBE Members with a substantial contribution to the political mobilisation in favour of the agreement in Kyoto.

**1998.**

Århus, Denmark

GLOBE Europe and GLOBE EU delegated Members to address the Fourth Ministerial Conference 'Environment for Europe'. The Ministers' decision to finally adopt the draft Convention on Citizens' Environmental Rights, saluted as 'a first step towards environmental democracy', owes much to the lobbying effort of GLOBE Members who decided to work on the subsequent ratification and implementation of the agreement in each European country.

**2000-2005.**

GLOBE Europe's Secretariat has been organising at least one big conference per year, focussed on a certain topic which tackles the field of environment (e.g. Stockholm May 2001 preparatory conference on the European Summit on Sustainable Development, Stockholm spring 2002 preparatory conference on the WSSD in Johannesburg).

After 2002 its Secretariat became a partner in three energy projects. The Secretariat's work as a partner comprises organising conferences, taking part in meetings and working on dissemination issues and papers.

### **GLOBE Europe's Secretariat: Current situation**

Besides aiming at the activities as has been mentioned in 'GLOBE Europe: short description', GLOBE Europe's Secretariat is involved in one energy project. As a partner it is mainly focussed on dissemination on issues and papers.

Above all, GLOBE Europe's Secretariat is currently focussed on revitalising its network by expanding it in EU member states where GLOBE Europe is not that well represented.

### **Mission**

Providing a network of National Parliamentarians (Members) and representatives from civil society (Contacts) who work together across political party and country lines to enhance sustainable development and support the protection of the environment and biodiversity in European legislation.

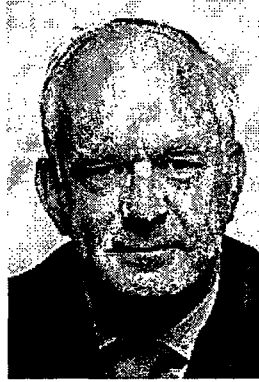
### **Objectives:**

After revitalisation, GLOBE Europe's network in which its Secretariat functions as the spindle in the interaction between GLOBE EU MEPs and GLOBE Europe Members and Contacts, it wishes to contribute to:

1. Making GLOBE Europe Members (National Parliamentarians) aware about- and involved in the European decision-making process in the field of environment and sustainability.
2. Making GLOBE Europe Contacts (NGOs, ministries and scientific institutions) aware about- and involved in the European decision-making process in the field of environment and sustainability.
3. Effective implementation of European environmental legislation.

**Key Figures**

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President of the Dutch Committee of the International Union on Nature Conservation  
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