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**THEMATIC SEMINARS FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORDIC AND THE BALTIC PARLIAMENTS**

Referring to the letter by the Nordic Council President Mr. Ole Stavad dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2006, the Nordic Council will act as coordinator for joint thematic seminars for the national parliamentary committees.

As mentioned in earlier correspondence the intention has been to arrange two-three seminars annually, with participation of approximately four persons of each of the eight Nordic and Baltic parliaments and from the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council. Due to earlier agreements the Nordic Council will cover expenses relating to the seminars, while the parliaments will cover the travel expenses etc. for their participating members.

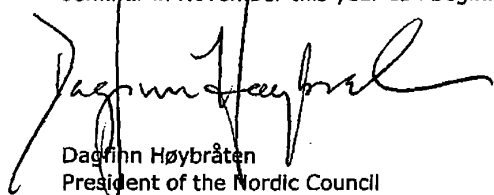
In the process of determining topics for the seminars there has been correspondence with the speakers and presidents from the involved parliaments on the matter and therefore I am now ready to propose an action plan for thematic seminars for members of the Nordic and Baltic parliaments and the Nordic Council and Baltic Assembly.

We have identified four topics:

1. Climate change and energy,
2. Free movement of the labour force
3. Structures for self-ruling local government
4. Trafficking and organised crime

Hence, I would like to propose that the topic of the first seminar would be Climate change and energy and that the seminar would be held in the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget) in November 2007. The topic of the second seminar would be Free movement of the labour force and would be held in February/March 2008 in the Danish Parliament (Folketinget). After these two seminars I suggest that we evaluate the success and further need for joint thematic seminars and depending of the outcome of the evaluation decide on how to commence with the two other topics.

I would very much appreciate your views on this proposal so that the planning of the first seminar in November this year can begin.



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