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**RE: EU Presidency Seminar on Africa, 23, 24 November 2006
Helsinki, Finland**

Honourable Speaker,

I have the honour to inform you that AWEPA, in cooperation with the Finnish Parliament and Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is organising its EU Presidency Seminar from 23-24 November 2006 in Helsinki, entitled

**'Parliamentary Partnership for Africa's Economic Development
in the framework of NEPAD and the MDGs'**

The overall objective of this seminar will be to promote enduring partnerships between African parliamentarians and their colleagues from the EU member states to create a conducive investment climate for sustainable economic development in the framework of NEPAD and the attainment of the MDGs.

The seminar will focus on three key thematic areas of parliamentary responsibility:

- Economic Empowerment of Women: Finland's centennial anniversary of 'Fighting for Women's Rights' and state of affairs in selected African countries
- Economic development in the framework of NEPAD, and the attainment of the MDGs: parliamentary action for an improved investment climate
- The Global Campaign on Children and AIDS: 'Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS': mobilizing parliamentarians in Europe and Africa to scale up their efforts for Children Orphaned by AIDS

On behalf of AWEPA, I have the pleasure to invite you or your representative to attend this seminar.

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For your information, the draft programme and terms of reference are attached, together with a participation form. We would be grateful if the participation form could be returned before 22 October to the AWEPA office in Amsterdam at the following fax number: +31.20.622.01.30 or by email to: amsterdam@awepa.org.

I hope to welcome you or your representative in Helsinki and I look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures: Draft programme
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