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Invitation to seminar on Climate Changes and Energy Issues November 5 and 6, 2007 in Oslo at Stortinget.

We have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar on Climate Changes and Energy Issues in Oslo on November 5 and 6, 2007. The initiative for the conference springs from the cooperation between speakers of the Nordic and Baltic parliaments. They have agreed to hold political conferences of a variety of different topics, of which Climate Changes and Energy Issues is the first one to be arranged. The Nordic Council acts as coordinator for the conference (see attached letter).

The focus of the discussions will be on how we can meet the complex challenges of climate changes through national politics and international cooperation. We envisage a conference where politics take main stage. Our belief is that we all have a certain knowledge of the factual aspects, and on this occasion will benefit from exchanging views on politics. We would appreciate very much input to the program from you. An outline of the draft program is attached.

Any comments to the program should be passed on to advisor Eline Oftedal at eline.oftedal@stortinget.no at the earliest convenience and no later than June 15

The conference will discuss Climate Changes and Energy Issues and will start at 2 pm on the 5th and end 1pm on the 6th of November, which should enable you to set aside just two half days. After consultations with the parties we found these dates to be most convenient, and hope you will set the dates aside today.

On the practical side we invite four representatives from each country of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland, as well as four representatives of the Nordic Council and the Baltic Assembly to participate at a conference.

We have made reservation with Rica Victoria Hotel. Each participant reserves their own hotel room and will obtain the conference price by quoting “232597” at Rica Victoria Hotel Rosenkrantzgate 13, 0121 Oslo, Tlf: +47 24 14 70 00, Fax: +47 24 14 70 01, E-post: rica.victoria.hotel.oslo@rica.no

We would like to invite Chairs of standing committees to a short preparatory meeting before the seminar starts, as well as a short meeting at the end of the seminar to discuss follow-up activities.

We do look forward to welcoming you to Oslo, and to have fruitful discussions on important challenges for our region.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman of the standing committee on
Energy and the Environment,
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